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Prime Minister Abandons Compromise Effort

BELGIUM TO AID HOLLAND --- IF

London, To-day.
According to the "Daily Telegraph" Brussels correspondent the foreign affairs committee of the Senate yesterday questioned the Foreign Minister, M. Spaak, on the Belgian attitude in the event of a German attack on Holland.

It is understood M. Spaak made it clear that an invasion of southern Holland which threatened to bring the mouth of the Scheldt under German control would impel immediate Belgian intervention.

If Germany merely seized the Frisian Islands without advancing across Holland's land frontier, however, Belgium would be faced with a more difficult position, since the dispositions of the Belgian army are purely defensive and no arrangements have been made for a Belgian expeditionary force to fight on Dutch soil.

Allied Access?

A rapid decision by the Allies to request the right of passage for troops across Belgium would be necessary if the Germans attacked Holland.

It is calculated in Brussels, says the correspondent that Holland could not stand for many days unassisted in the face of a German invasion.

Though in the past days the crisis has, for the moment, slackened, Belgium has no illusion about the probability of a German attack through Holland some time this summer. — Reuter.

REBEL TORIES FORCE ISSUE TO DECISION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.

ANNOUNCEMENT THAT MR. CHAMBERLAIN HAS REQUESTED AN AUDIENCE OF THE KING THIS AFTERNOON IS TAKEN TO MEAN THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WILL RESIGN REGARDLESS OF THE LABOUR PARTY'S DECISION.

To meet the extremely unlikely event of Labour refusing to participate in a National Government under a Premier other than Mr. Chamberlain, the Prime Minister had been engaged on endeavours to form a new Government by a reshuffle.

The Government in this case would have included certain "rebel Conservatives" such as Mr. L. M. S. Amery and Mr. A. Duff-Cooper.

Sir Samuel Hoare, Sir John Simon and Sir Kingsley Wood would be excluded.

Last night, however, Mr. Chamberlain received a delegation of the new group formed by rebel Conservatives, under Mr. Amery's chairmanship.

The group informed Mr. Chamberlain they were ready to support any Premier able to form a genuine government of national union, including representatives of all political parties.

Attempt Abandoned

In view of this attitude by the Right Wing group, Mr. Chamberlain apparently abandoned the attempt to reconstruct his Cabinet.

The names of Lord Halifax, Mr. Churchill and Mr. Lloyd George are still mentioned as successors.

Lord Halifax would be the choice of the Conservative Party while Mr.

Churchill is more favoured by those political factions opposing the present Cabinet but which would participate in a National Government.

Mr. Lloyd George might emerge as Premier despite his advanced age should an agreement between the opposition prove impossible over Mr. Churchill or Lord Halifax.

Labour Ministers

The problem, however, rests not only with Parliament but also the Labour Party, whose conference at Bournemouth is of paramount importance to the formation of a National Government.

Should Labour participation in the new Cabinet be decided, portfolios

ANOTHER SPY RING ROUNDED UP

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.
Another large espionage ring has been discovered in Haarlem. The police authorities are most reserved and the only information available is that the spies had extensive connexions with financial circles and had their headquarters in Amsterdam. — Havas.

ULTIMATUM TO HOLLAND AGAIN DENIED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.
It is denied that a German emissary has arrived with a message from Berlin which is tantamount to an ultimatum. The Dutch Government has not received an ultimatum from any source. — Havas.

would probably be offered to Mr. C. R. Attlee, Leader of the Opposition in the Commons, and Mr. Herbert Morrison, Labour Chairman of the London County Council, in which capacity he has demonstrated his outstanding administrative and organising ability. — Havas.

TO-DAY "DER TAG" FOR HITLER?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

A LARGE-SCALE GERMAN OFFENSIVE IS EXPECTED ANY DAY AND MANY PEOPLE IN BERLIN DECLARE THEY HAVE LEARNED "FROM A GOOD SOURCE WHICH SHOULD BE KEPT SECRET" THAT GIGANTIC MILITARY ACTION WILL BE TAKEN TO-DAY (FRIDAY).

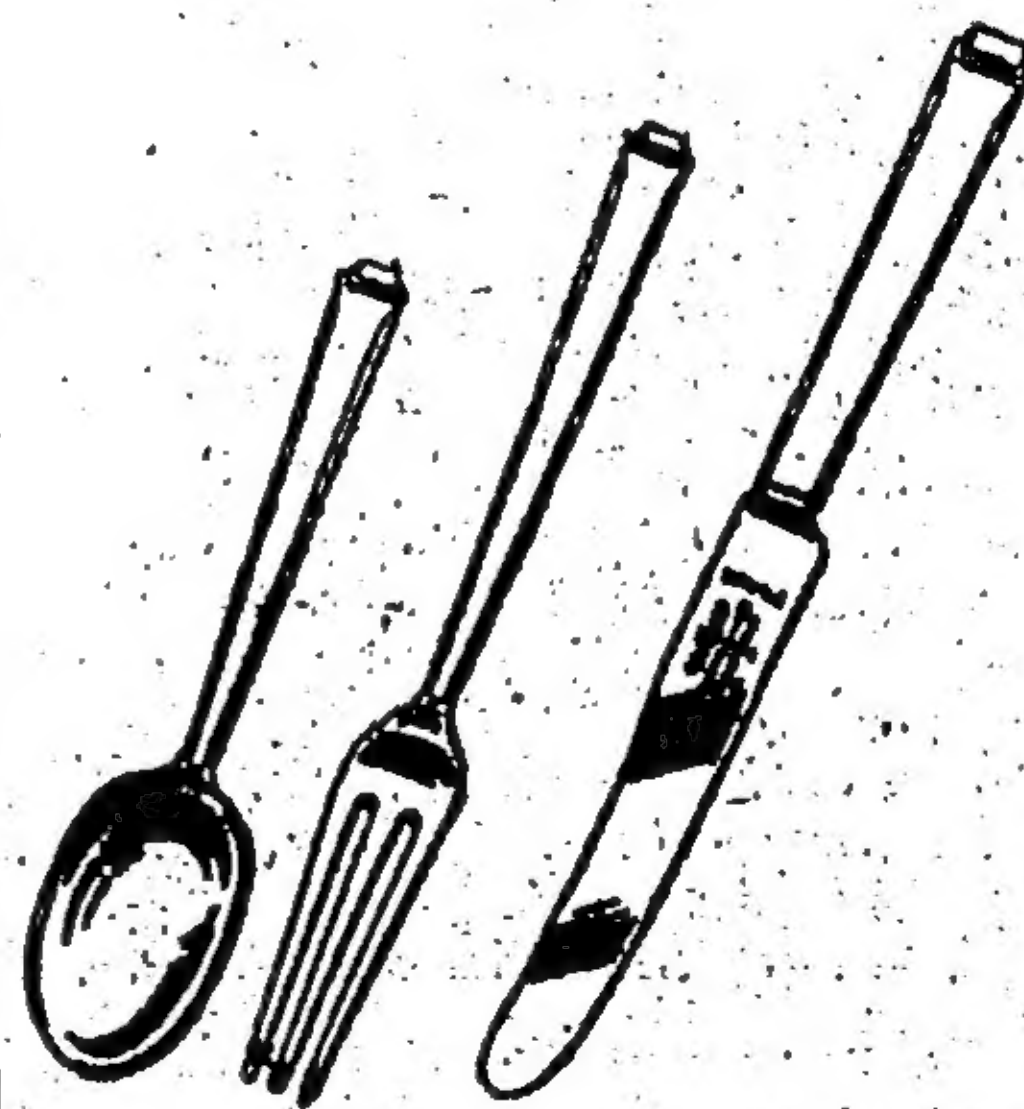
The atmosphere in Berlin, it is stated, is extremely nervous and tense.

Most observers believe that should Germany strike now, this stroke would be directed against the Balkans but would not remove the threat to Belgium and Holland.

Germany is apparently set on trying to bring the war to an end before next winter and will try at whatever cost to her to induce the Allies to accept her peace terms. — Havas.

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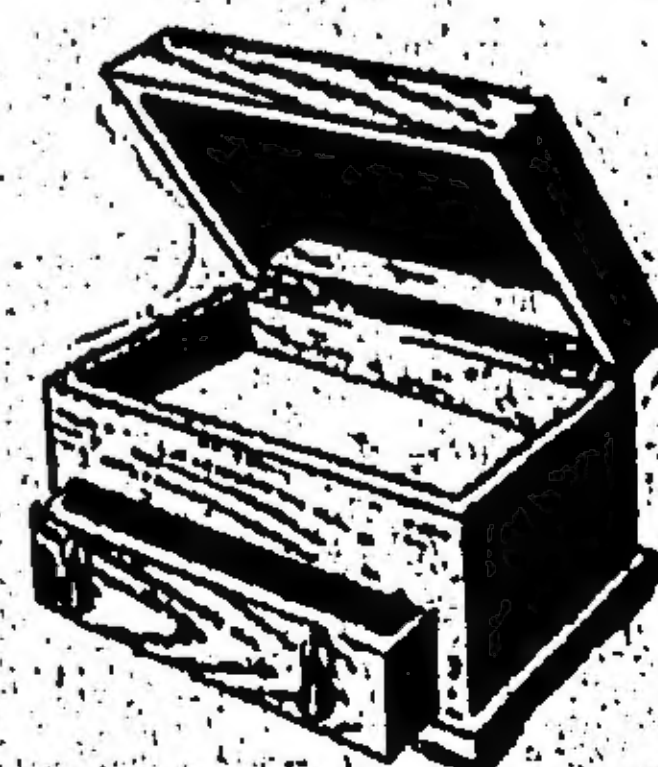
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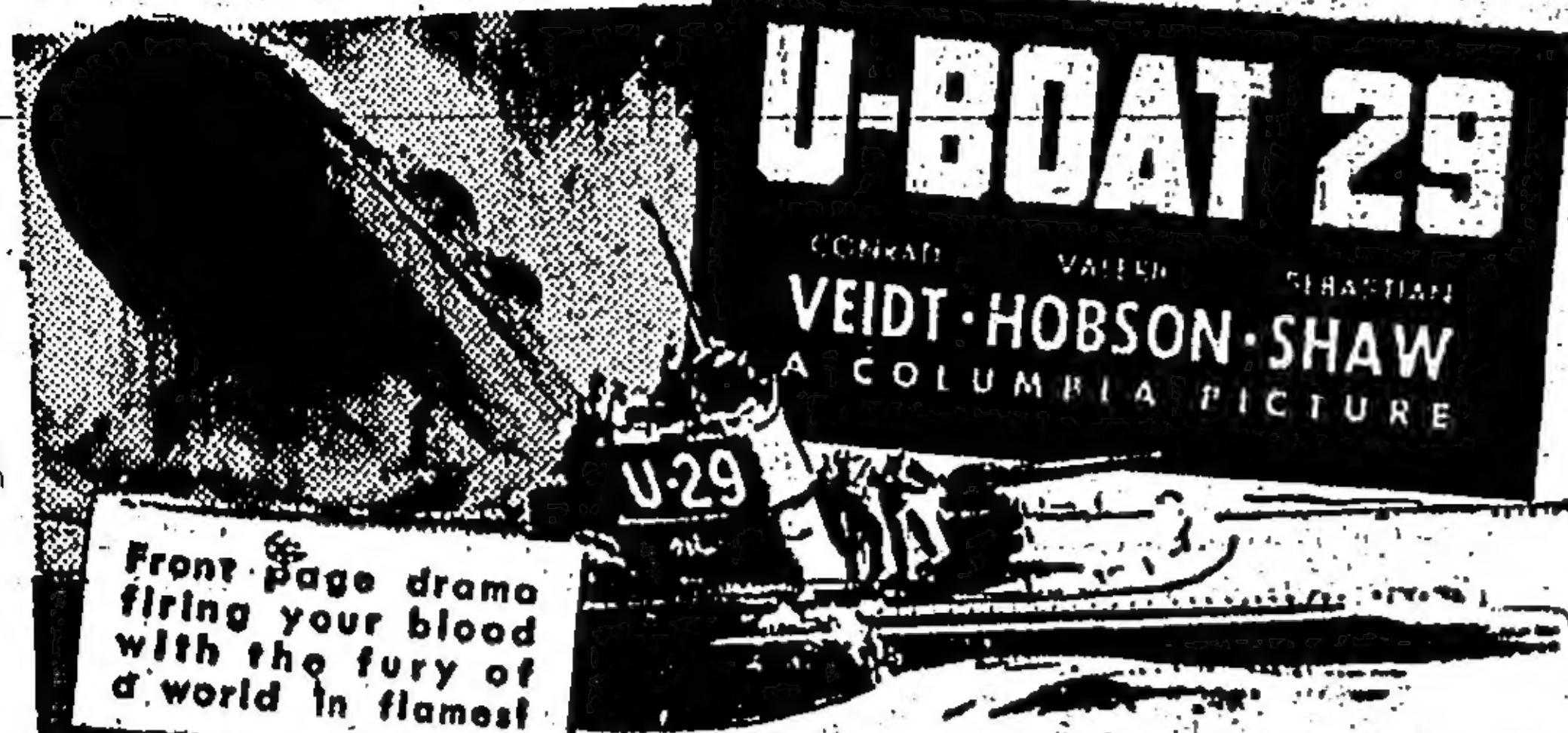
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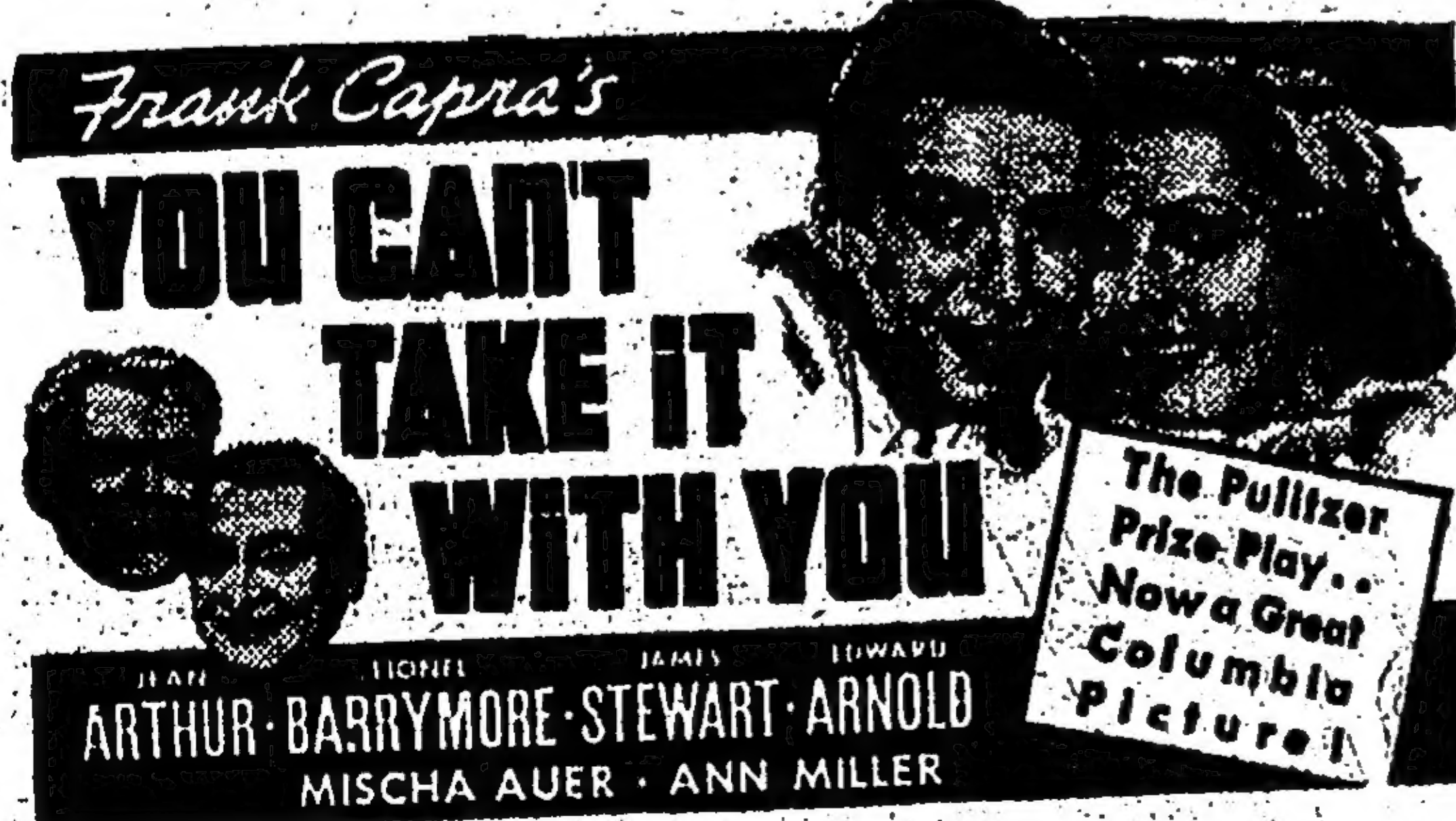
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SWEDEN DEEPLY IMPRESSED BY THE COMMONS DEBATE

Stockholm, To-day.

THE "NYA DAGLIGT ALLEHANDA" says the most
remarkable feature of the first day of the Com-
mons debate was not the energy of the opposition
nor the calm statement of facts by the defence.

Rather was it that a belligerent country allows such
open yet restrained discussion.

The "Social Demokraten" thinks
there is no doubt England will emerge
stronger than before from the present
Government crisis.

The Norwegian episode will have
resulted in a firmer, more purposeful
and a more offensive British Govern-
ment and in more energetic warfare
by the Allies.

It is thus far from certain that
the German surprise attack on Nor-
way in the long run increased Ger-
many's chances to win the war.

One thing is certain—the English
people will take the war far more ser-
iously than hitherto, and history shows
how difficult it is to conquer this
country.

Fine Tradition

The "Tidningen" declares the Bri-
tish have followed their fine old tra-

dition and have cast off camouflage in
a critical situation, in which they
speak as though the enemy and the
world are not listening to every word.

They do not attempt to paint a
favourable picture but ruthlessly
emphasize the situation's gravity,
and much of the criticism concerns
the Cabinet's efforts to represent
matters in a better light than justi-
fied.

There is no tone of defeatism in the
chorus of dissatisfaction, although re-
cent events are recognised as a de-
feat.

Sharp Contrast

The "Dagens Nyheter" says the
House of Commons maintains the
proudest traditions of debate of af-
fairs of state in the most serious
situations with energy and no res-
traint, sharply contrasting with the
hush-hush campaign carried on by the
governments of the smaller demo-
cracies.

The Government considers the
danger of silencing criticism and
ignoring the people's representatives
still greater.

The result is the confrontation of
governors and governed, from which
the country proceeds with greater de-
termination and continues the fight at
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DRAMATIC ATTEMPT TO RESCUE NAZI AIRMAN

London, To-day.

AFTER SHOOTING DOWN in flames a German Dornier "flying pencil" raider off the north-east coast of Scotland yesterday, R.A.F. Fighter Command pilots tried to save one of the crew who jumped by parachute.

The Nazi airman fell into the sea about 14 miles from land. The British pilots, circling above him in Hurricanes, saw him remove his parachute and begin to swim.

They reported by radio telephone to the base and a launch was immediately sent out. Flying to and fro between the launch and the swimming German they directed the rescue, but when the launch reached him he was dead.

The patrolling Hurricane pilots had chased the Dornier shortly before from a point just inland. As they came in to attack the German rear gunner opened fire first.

Waiting until they within close range the fighters fired one after another. The raider was hit immediately, the first burst from one fighter causing clouds of black smoke to pour from the starboard engine.

Point Blank Range

He flew into a cloud closely pursued. When the fighters came out of the cloud they found themselves at point blank range. Oil from the crippled Dornier covered the windscreens as they made two more attacks on the raider which dodged in and out.

Before the aircraft dived into the sea one of the Nazi airmen had taken to his parachute. As the Dornier struck the water there was an explosion, and the fighter pilots saw white orange flames shoot into the air.—British Wireless.

MILITARY MISSION TO SOVIET

BUCHAREST, TO-DAY.
AN IMPORTANT YUGO-SLAV MILITARY MISSION WILL SHORTLY LEAVE BELGRADE FOR MOSCOW, ACCORDING TO MESSAGES FROM BELGRADE PUBLISHED IN THE RUMANIAN PRESS.

It is stated that General Maximovich, one of the most prominent Yugo-Slav military leaders, will head the mission.

Neither the Yugo-Slav nor the Soviet Legation in Bucharest has yet had any intimation of the passage of the mission through Rumania.—Reuter.

LORD MAYOR'S FUND

London, To-day.

A further contribution of £10,000 to the Lord Mayor's Red Cross and St. John Fund from the Sports Committee raises the total from that source to £37,000.—British Wireless.

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GENEROUS TRIBUTE TO M. DAUTRY

London, To-day.

A tribute to the French Production Minister, M. Dautry, was paid in a speech by the British Supply Minister at Cardiff.

Mr. Burgin said: "M. Dautry has achieved in France spectacular results in the enormous growth and expansion of his armaments production programme. He thinks in multiples, he works at terrific pace and he has the great faculty of making friends.

He is idolised by the workpeople and, what is so important for a politician and Production Minister, is left alone by colleagues.

But he too has difficulties with machine tools, with raw materials and with skilled labour. Fortunately, such is the collaboration between the two countries—officers of his Ministry are in my office in London, officers of my Ministry are in his office in Paris.—that we frequently can come to one another's aid."—British Wireless.

AIR LOSSES IN NORWAY

London, To-day.

Interesting figures relating to aerial activity in Norway are circulating in authoritative quarters, where it is stated R.A.F. losses comprised 55 aircraft out of over a thousand employed in the operations, which included 64 attacks on enemy bases—54 in Norway, nine in Denmark and one on Sylt.

German losses were considerably higher, the destruction of 163 aircraft being confirmed, while it is probable that some 40 more will never fly again.—British Wireless.

COMMONS ADJOURNS

London, To-day.

The Commons agreed to a resolution for the adjournment for Whitsuntide until May 21 after the Prime Minister had given an assurance that the Government would not hesitate to advise the Speaker to ask for the recall of the House at the earliest possible moment if any circumstances, either internal or external, make it desirable.

The Prime Minister also stated that he would be glad to arrange for a debate on economic aspects of the war when the House resumes, the session to be held in secret.—British Wireless.

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LONDON, TO-DAY.
FURTHER DETAILS OF THE ONE-SIDED AIR COMBAT IN NORWAY BETWEEN A SQUADRON OF GLOSTER GLADIATOR PLANES FROM AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER AND A HUGE NUMBER OF GERMAN PLANES HAVE NOW BEEN REVEALED.

Just before night, the squadron landed on a frozen lake south-east of Aandalsnes. That night, they saw two 'planes with Norwegian markings, but they must have been flown by Germans for at 3 a.m. German bombers arrived.

A Heinkel was shot down, and the base was kept "busy" with air raids from 7.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. All this time, the British pilots were in the open. Except for the runways, there was melting snow everywhere, several feet deep. The pilots had to crawl about

on their hands and knees, their clothes wet and freezing.

Despite all this, and the frequent raids, they carried out 40 sorties and 37 of the enemy were engaged.

ONLY ONE LEFT

Of the 18 Gladiators landed, only five were serviceable by night. They had taken toll of the enemy, however, shooting down six for certain and probably eight more on the surrounding mountains.

The next day, they carried out further reconnaissances and attacks on the enemy. By evening, only one 'plane remained useful.

When southern Norway was evacuated, there was no time to repair the 'planes. The ship on which the pilots embarked was bombed for six hours without interruption—and without success.—Reuter.

One By One

As the fighter pilots came down from their combats with the enemy they refuelled, replenished their ammunition and tried to start up again.

As, one by one, the aircraft were destroyed on the ground, the pilots, some badly burned, helped one another to get the remaining aircraft into the air, all the time being machinegunned.

When they could no longer fly they fought back from the ground with machineguns.

Towards the end of the day the ammunition was exhausted and the pilots made attacks which were feints without any chance of returning the enemy's fire.

One with no ammunition and practically no petrol was attacked by three of the most modern and heavily armed German fighters; he saved his aircraft from being shot down by repeatedly attempting to collide until the enemy swerved away.

Their cannon fire struck the aircraft again and after he had successfully made a forced landing it was set on fire as he left it.

132 Craters

The landing ground was bombed and machinegunned by between eighty and ninety German bombers and 132 craters were counted.

By the end of the day only five of 18 Gladiators were serviceable. But six enemy aircraft for certain, and probably eight more, were brought down on the surrounding mountains.

At the end of the next day the remaining R.A.F. aircraft, having carried on an unequal combat with considerable success, only one aircraft was serviceable. Owing to the evacuation of southern Norway it was not possible to repair these damaged aircraft.—British Wireless.

Mr. E. W. Bath was treated at the Kowloon Hospital yesterday after he had been bitten by his own dog. He was playing with the animal at his residence at Tak Shing Street.

GERMAN AIRMEN PRISONERS

Paris, To-day.
 The four occupants of a German reconnaissance bomber which made a forced landing in a village of central France were held prisoner by farm labourers until taken into custody by the military.—Reuter.

GARDENERS INJURE CHILD

WITH HIS FOREHEAD BANDAGED, FOLLOWING AN ATTACK BY TWO GARDENERS YESTERDAY, THREE-YEAR-OLD MASTER NORMAN CURTIS, SON OF MR. AND MRS. CURTIS, OF NO. 3, SOMERSET ROAD, KOWLOON TONG, WAS IN COURT AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING WHEN LAU WING, 22, AND CHAN YUE, 41, WERE CHARGED WITH ASSAULT. BOTH PLEADED NOT GUILTY.

Inspector H. E. Rogers, prosecuting, said that at 5 p.m. yesterday the lad, accompanied by his amah and a number of children, was playing in the garden. The child went to a neighbouring wall and attempted to pick some flowers. He was threatened by accused. First accused had a bamboo pole and made an attempt to hit him.

All the children were frightened and ran away, screaming. Accused then threw stones at the children and one hit Norman's forehead. He had to be admitted to Kowloon Hospital.

Mrs. Reed, of No. 13, Somerset Road, passing by, heard the screaming and went into the garden. The gardeners struggled with her and made attempts to hit her.

Accused were fined \$5 each and placed on a \$10 bond to be of good behaviour for one year.

FRENCH AMBASSADOR SEES MR. WELLES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
 Washington, To-day.

The French Ambassador, Count de St. Quentin, called on Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, with whom he conversed for half an hour on "the general situation." No official announcement has been made on the discussion.—Havas.

SOVIET TRADE TALKS WITH SWEDEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
 Stockholm, To-day.

It is officially announced that a special committee has been constituted to start negotiations with the Soviet for an increase in trade exchanges.

BIGGEST JAP. OFFENSIVE SINCE HANKOW

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
 Chungking, To-day.

The Japanese operations in Honan and Hupeh constitute the largest scale military action since the attack on Hankow, stated the Chinese spokesman at yesterday's weekly press conference.

Seven Japanese divisions, 200 aircraft and 400 tanks, supported by artillery and cavalry, were put in the field by the Japanese.

The Japanese operations do not appear to be directed against any particular strategic point or cities but aim at clearing the Hankow region of all the Chinese troops who have been massing there during the past months, greatly endangering the Japanese positions.

Chinese tactics during the present operations consist of cutting Japanese communications, and in extensive guerilla warfare.—Havas.

BLACKOUT OFFENCES

Some 28 residents of Shamshuipoo and Yaumati were before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon for failing to screen their lights properly during the last Blackout.

All were convicted and cautioned or fined \$5 or \$10.

Tong Shang-sing, of No. 4, Cheung Lok Street, said his baby child switched on the light without his knowledge while all were sound asleep.

NURSING SISTER FINED

Miss M. L. Everett, of Queen Mary Hospital, was to-day summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., for breach of black-out regulations.

Miss Everett was seen driving in Seymour Road at about 7.25 p.m. with lights on the vehicle.

Miss Everett said she had no intention of using the car that night, but was delayed in town and had gone on night duty.

A fine of \$10 was imposed.

M. MOLOTOV RECEIVES RUMANIAN MISSION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
 Moscow, To-day.

M. Molotov, Foreign Commissar, has received the Rumanian commercial delegation. Their talk lasted for three hours.

An accord is said to have been reached, but the conversations will continue for several days.—Havas.

The committee is under the chairmanship of M. Albin Johansson, leader of the Swedish Co-operative movement.—Havas.

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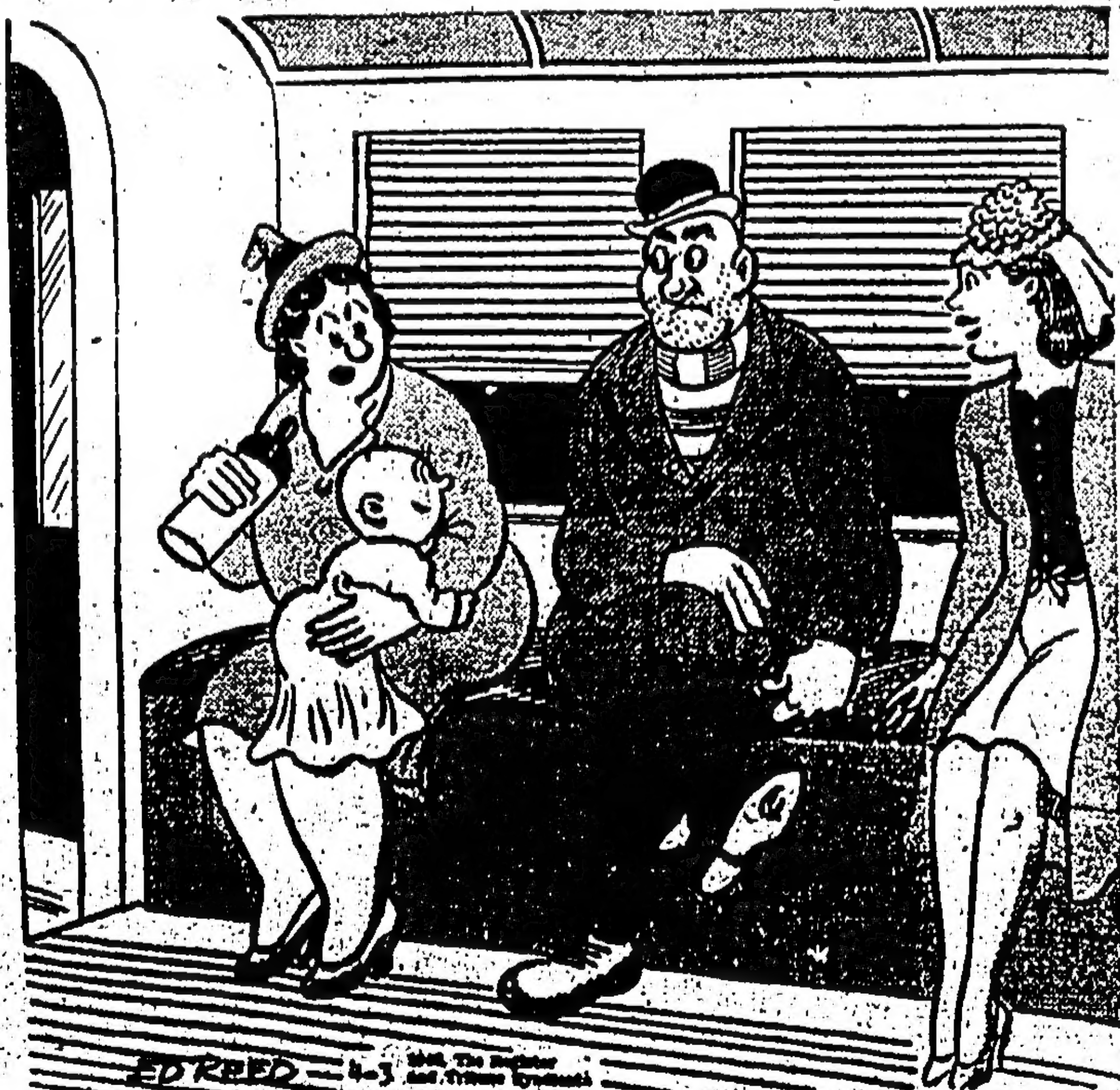
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THE BRILLIANT MISCHIEVOUSNESS OF LLOYD GEORGE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

IN THE COURSE OF A NUMBER OF SUBJECTS DISCUSSED ON THE ADJOURNMENT IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY, MR. BEVERLEY BAXTER (CONS) APPEALED TO MR. LLOYD GEORGE TO BE MORE HELPFUL TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND NOT SO BRILLIANTLY MISCHIEVOUS.

Mr. Baxter blamed Mr. Lloyd George for the part he had played in the complicated situation of the last few years.

Referring to Mr. Lloyd George's press writings, he said he gave the madman Hitler encouragement at every critical moment.

He expressed the opinion Mr. Lloyd George was too big a man to use the foreign press to disparage the Government, and asked Mr. Lloyd George whether, even at his age, he would consider reforming.

Mr. Lloyd George, replying, defended his resort to journalism as an occupation.

Replying to other criticisms made by Mr. Baxter, the former Liberal Premier said it was because we did not carry out our undertakings to the Democratic governments in Germany that Hitler came to power. — Reuter.

ALLIED PROBLEMS OF INSURANCE

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

PARIS, TO-DAY. CONSULTATIONS ON INSURANCE PROBLEMS AND LABOUR SUPPLY HAVE TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN FRANCE AND BRITAIN, SAYS A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE LABOUR MINISTRY.

The communique said that M. Charles Pomaret, the Labour Minister, on his recent visit to England, conferred with his British colleague, Mr. Ernest Brown, and Sir Andrew Duncan, and important decisions were reached. A permanent Franco-British insurance committee has been created. — Havas.

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A.R.P. IN BELGIUM

Brussels, To-day.

Certain A.R.P. units have been reinforced, but there are no other special measures; the Army is already fully prepared. — Reuter.

NAVAL OFFICER CROSS-EXAMINED IN MANSLAUGHTER CASE

IN THE WITNESS-BOX this morning at the Criminal Sessions, Kenneth Duncan Bruce, 24-year-old engineer officer of one of H.M. ships, gave as his opinion that it was possible for a man to be struck by a car, travelling at 15 miles an hour, and escape unhurt.

He gave this opinion while under cross-examination by the Assistant Crown Solicitor, Mr. J. P. Murphy, and denied that he was completely unfit to drive a car on the night the accident occurred.

Bruce is charged with the manslaughter of a hawker, Lam Shing-chi, who was knocked down and killed on March 4 last.

The Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, junior, is for the accused.

Under further cross-examination, accused said he remembered shaking hands with the proprietor of the To Yuen Restaurant at West Point.

Mr. Murphy: "Any reason for doing so?" — "He looked worried; I shook hands to show him I was not offended at being refused a drink."

"You still maintain that the ricksha came out from a side street?" — "Yes."

"The ricksha coolie is lying then?" — "Yes."

PUSHED HIMSELF OFF

Regarding the Wanchai incident, accused admitted that he did not look round and did not ask his Chinese companion to look round. The Chinese, he said, looked round himself and as a result of what the man saw, he thought everything was all right.

He was of opinion that it was possible for a man to escape unhurt after being hit by a car. "If the car was travelling at 15 miles per hour and he pushed himself from the car with his hands he could escape unhurt."

"It appeared to me," he said, "that the man did push himself off the car, so I drove on."

The Chief Justice: "What did your companion mean by saying 'Anyhow, it was the man's own fault'; how could it possibly be the man's own fault? How could you just let it pass and ask nothing?" — "I did not consider."

"You are not suggesting that it was the man's own fault?"

Accused made no reply.

"Are you?" — "It appeared to me that the man came out from between two pillars."

"I want to know your mentality." — "My mind was not clear at that moment. I was told to drive on, so I drove on."

Mr. Murphy: "You do not admit that what happened was the man's own fault?" — "I did not know then that it was my fault."

PEIPING A.R.P.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Peiping, To-day.

A large-scale A.R.P. campaign, due to last three days, opened here yesterday.

The populace have been ordered to prepare water for use against fire, and anti-fire bombs have been distributed.

Meetings are being held all over the city to warn the people against the danger of air bombing and of the ways to limit it.

A total black-out was enforced last night and a partial black-out will be in force to-night and to-morrow. — Havas.

PREPARE FOR RUTHLESS ENGLAND

Gothenburg, To-day. The "Goteborgs Posten" says: "England's extraordinary power is seldom oppressive and often is stabilising and peace-producing. But when the Empire is at stake, Englishmen can show ruthlessness more than anyone else. Now we must be prepared for a ruthless England. — Reuter."

NORWAY ON SUPREME WAR COUNCIL

Paris, To-day.

Professor Koht, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, informed the press in Paris yesterday afternoon that the Norwegian High Command would in future be represented on the Allied Supreme War Council.

Prof. Koht stated that of the Norwegian army, which originally consisted of six divisions, one division and part of another were intact in north Norway or were making their way northward.

Many of the remainder had been killed, taken prisoner or interned in Sweden.

Denying rumours that King Haakon had come to Sweden, Prof. Koht said the King was on Norwegian soil where he would remain and fight. — Reuter.

ROME SURVEYS COMMONS DEBATE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

Most papers give lengthy accounts of the Commons debate and in their comments declare the debate proved the weakness of the Chamberlain Government.

Almost every paper forecasts profound changes in the British Cabinet. — Havas.

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HITLER ON NEW TACK?

Talk In Berlin Of Withdrawal From Norway

Prelude To Giving Up Fight At Narvik?

AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY.

THE POSSIBILITY OF HITLER CONSIDERING A WITHDRAWAL FROM NORWAY TO A LARGE EXTENT IS BEING DISCUSSED HERE AS A RESULT OF REPORTS FROM BERLIN.

From the German point of view, it is pointed out, such a move would have advantages as a propaganda move and as a means of saving men and material for other purposes.

It seems hardly possible the Germans would surrender their air bases in Norway but it is suggested they might seek to make some gesture of withdrawal from other points.

There are two indications that some such approach to the Norwegian people may be planned.

One is a report that the Germans contemplate abandoning Narvik, the other is an order issued yesterday to the German troops in Norway praising the Norwegian soldiers, which commentators here compare to the German attempt at the beginning of the war to differentiate between British and French soldiers.

The report of the possible abandonment of Narvik is contained in a despatch from the Berlin correspondent of the "Allgemein Handelsblatt," who declares very well-informed circles in Berlin no longer regard Narvik as a centre of strategic importance.

The High Command is believed to hold the view that Narvik will only remain of value as long as the Allies continue to station ships there, which can be attacked by the German air force.—Reuter.

RUSSIAN DETECTIVE "ARRESTED"

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT]

Shanghai, To-day.

A Russian detective of the S.M.P., Sub-Inspector I. V. Goloobkoff, and a Chinese detective were "arrested" by the Ta Tao police last night while making enquiries regarding a crime at the corner of Connaught Road and Singapore Road.

The detectives were proceeding in a police van when they were stopped by a patrol of Ta Tao police who insisted they follow to a nearby Ta Tao police station.

It is pointed out the arrest was made on a Municipal road, and while details are not known, the facts confirm that the Ta Tao men were acting illegally inside the Settlement when making the arrests.

At the time of tabling the two men had not been released but efforts are being made to secure their release with the aid of Japanese gendarmerie headquarters in Jessfield Road which also supervises the Ta Tao activities. — Our Own Correspondent.

SHIFT IN JAPANESE ACTIVITY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

TOKYO, TO-DAY.

AN IMPORTANT SHIFT IN JAPANESE NATIONAL ACTIVITY HAS TAKEN PLACE SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF THE MANCHURIA INCIDENT, PROFESSOR TSUNEYUKI REVEALED IN THE "ECONOMIC REVIEW."

In 1938 agriculture's share in the national production amounted to only 17 per cent. instead of 27 per cent. in 1931.

Value of machinery, metals and chemicals produced in the country outbalanced the combined value of agricultural products, foodstuffs and textiles.

The professor notes this industrialisation movement seems to have reached its peak and industry will not now register any spectacular development unless fresh capital is injected into the Japanese economy.—Havas.

BRITAIN BUYING U.S. YACHTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.

Two famous American yachts are being sold in the harbour to British and Canadian purchasers, apparently

D.S.O. FOR NAVY HEROES

London, To-day.

The daring and resourcefulness of officers and men of the Fleet Air Arm and the submarine service off the Norwegian coast are recognised in a long list of awards published in a supplement to the "London Gazette."

They include the D.S.O. for Captain Richard Thomas Partridge, Royal Marines.

Lt. William Paulet Lucy, R.N., Lt.-Comm. Christopher Haynes Hutchinson, of the submarine Truant, Lt.-Comm. John Hay Forbes, of the submarine Spearfish, and

Lt. William Donald King, of the submarine Snapper.

There are also a number of D.S.C.'s D.S.M.'s and mentions in despatches.

An unusual distinction falls to Acting Lt. E. W. T. Taylour, who is awarded the D.S.C., a bar and is mentioned in despatches as well.—Reuter.

in connection with the war effect.

They are J. Pierpont Morgan's \$2,000,000 343-foot "Corsair" and the 320-foot "Mayflower," used as the Presidential Barge from 1902 to 1929. —Havas.

The management of the Olympic Grand Circus have very great pleasure in informing circus lovers and the general public of Hongkong that, after more than two months of almost insuperable difficulties, they have secured transport from Bangkok of their horses, elephants, lions, tigers and the other animals of the menagerie, which have now arrived here. The location of the circus, at least for a short season, will be at Mongkok (Kowloon), opposite the Mongkok Fire Brigade.

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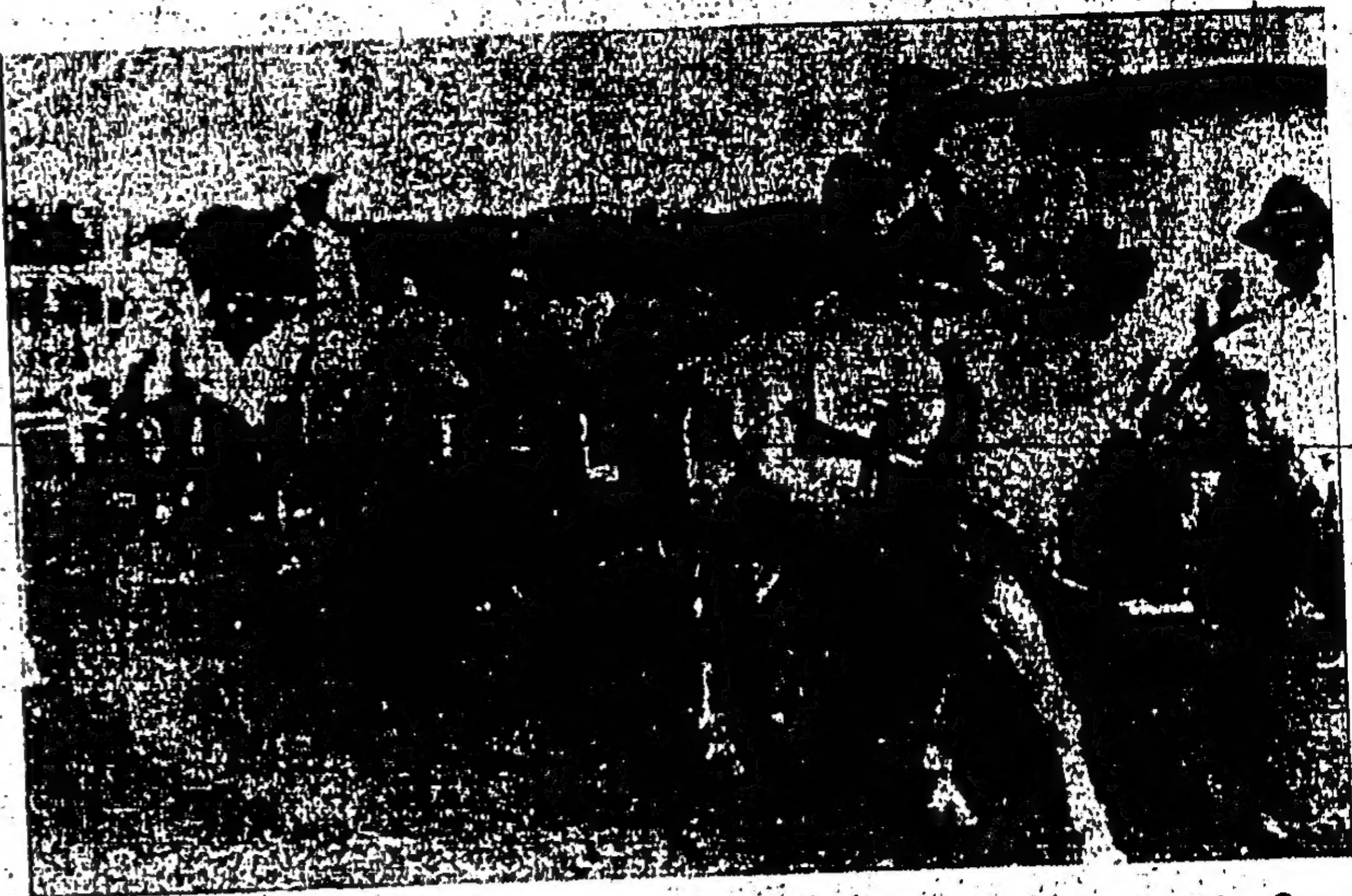
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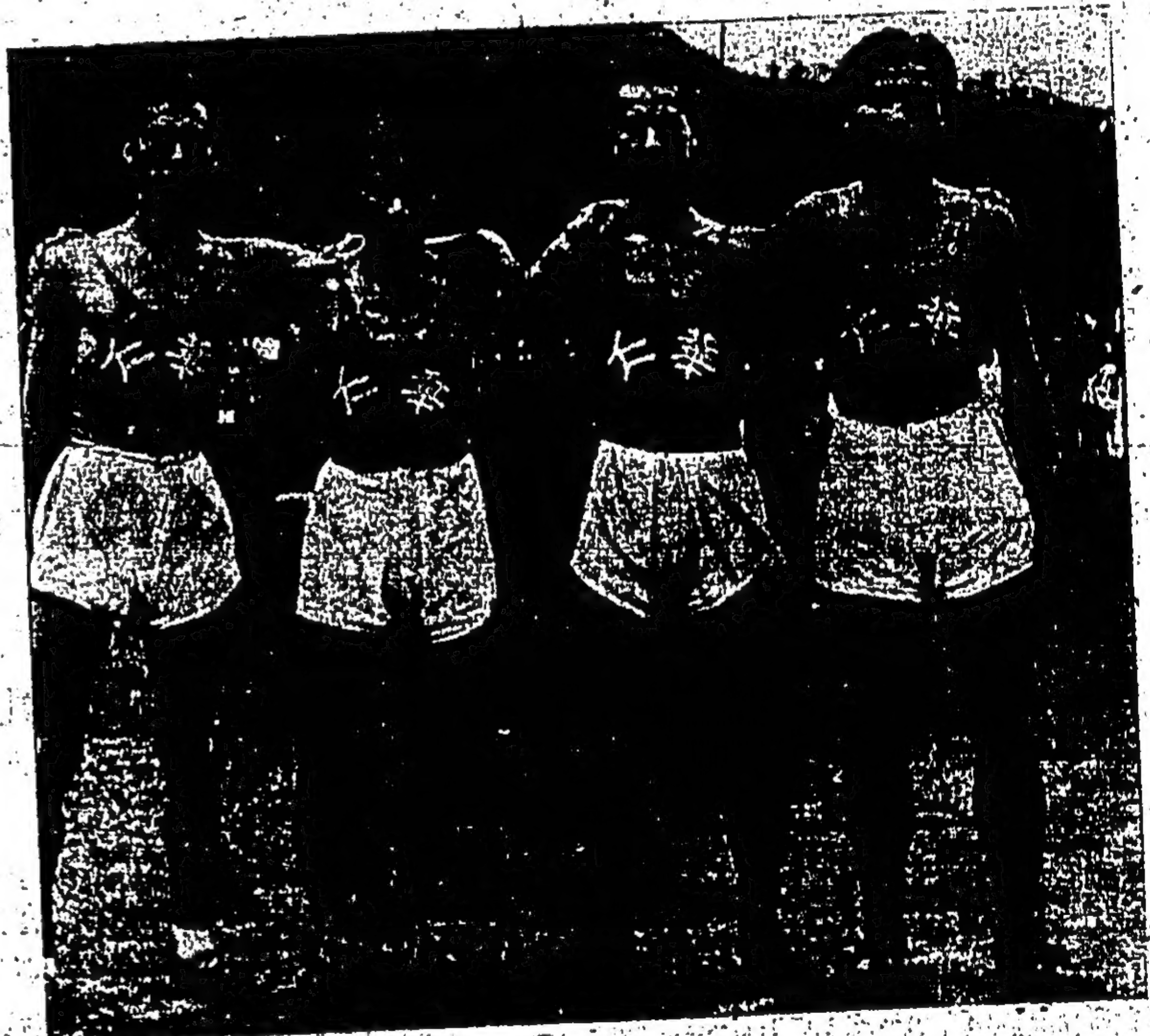
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Mr. Lam Kwok-fai and Miss Cheung after their marriage at the Registry.



The Wah Yan College team who won the 1600-metre relay at the School Sports last Saturday.



Mr. Clarke, Miss Schrameck, Lt. McDermid and friend snapped at the Gippo.

NORWAY TO FIGHT ON

Professor Koht's Broadcast In Paris

Assurances Of Stronger Allied Cooperation

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

THERE IS NO EXCUSE for the German attack on Norway which has lived 125 years in perfect peace and neutrality, declared Prof. Halvdan Koht, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, in a broadcast speech to the French people last night.

Prof. Koht declared Norway's only fault was to be weak and to be of strategical interest to the Reich which had not hesitated to violate every rule of common law to make use of Scandinavia.

Prof. Koht said that despite the terrible sufferings brought about by the war the Norwegians were not discouraged and would fight for freedom and Democracy by the side of France and Britain, whose final victory in the struggle for international justice could not be doubted.

Prof. Koht declared that in London and Paris he had had a series of talks with the political and military authorities which convinced him the British and French Governments will do their best to strengthen the co-operation between the Allied forces in Norway and the Norwegian army.

Part Of General War

Norway, he said, was part of the general war. Now that Germany had gone outside her own frontiers she was liable to be defeated.

A victory over Germany in Norway would facilitate the general victory.

Prof. Koht said members of the Diplomatic Corps were still with the Norwegian Government in Norway.

Referring to supplies, he said the Government had taken all the necessary measures and had stocked wheat reserves for a year.

Prof. Koht again said they did not wish Sweden to be submitted to the same fate as Norway through abandoning her neutrality.—Havas.

King And Government To Fight Till End

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

M. Koht, interviewed by the press, emphasized that the King and Government intended to fight until the very end.

King Haakon had said to him:—"I am King of Norway. I shall stay here, and I shall fight here."

The sixth Norwegian Division is still intact, he said, and a large number of members of the other five divisions have managed to survive attacks so far.

In Northern Norway there are reserve stocks of wheat and the Norwegian troops can also use stocks of munitions now on hand and those recently imported from England.

The Norwegian mercantile marine is almost intact and is at the disposition of the Government; the ships are now directed by an inter-Allied organization set up in London.—Havas.

ANTI-SPY LAW IN HOLLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

The Ministry of Justice announces that a second anti-espionage law will be submitted shortly to Parliament.

The law will provide for the deportation to the colonies of persons guilty of political actions detrimental to the well-being of the country.

Meanwhile stringent measures have been taken to crush any possible move of enemy sympathisers.

The military commander of west Holland has visited the principal towns in the area.

Pressmen of non-belligerent states have been invited to inspect the coastal defence of the Low Country on board the cruiser Sumatra.—Havas.

JAP. WAGE INCREASES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

A new increase in salaries for industrial workers has been decided to offset the rise in the price of commodities since the last fixing of the wages scale. The increase mainly bears on foodstuffs and imported commodities the supply of which has almost stopped owing to the European war and the lack of cargo accommodation. First workers to get salary raises are those in the shipbuilding, rolling stock and machine tool manufacturing industries.—Havas.

NEW TYPE OF NAZI PLANE FORCED DOWN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

A large German plane of a type as yet undetermined made a forced landing in a field near Bourges, in central France, yesterday. The four members of the crew were taken prisoner but first succeeded in setting fire to the plane.—Havas.

DE VALERA APPEALS FOR UNITY

Dublin, To-day.

An appeal against further I.R.A. activity was made yesterday by Premier De Valera in a special broadcast.

He asked for national unity.

If the disorders continue, civil war will be the inevitable conclusion, weakening the national strength and making it an easy prey to any invader.—Reuter.

STOCKHOLM COMMENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

The Commons debate showed Mr. Chamberlain's extremely difficult position but also showed that even in wartime the Democracies have preserved freedom of public expression unknown to the totalitarian states, says the Swedish press.

Most papers forecast a reshuffle of the British Cabinet with the participation of Labour representatives in the Government.

The papers also point out that the Germans are constantly reinforcing their troops in Norway and that energetic action is necessary before it is too late.—Havas.

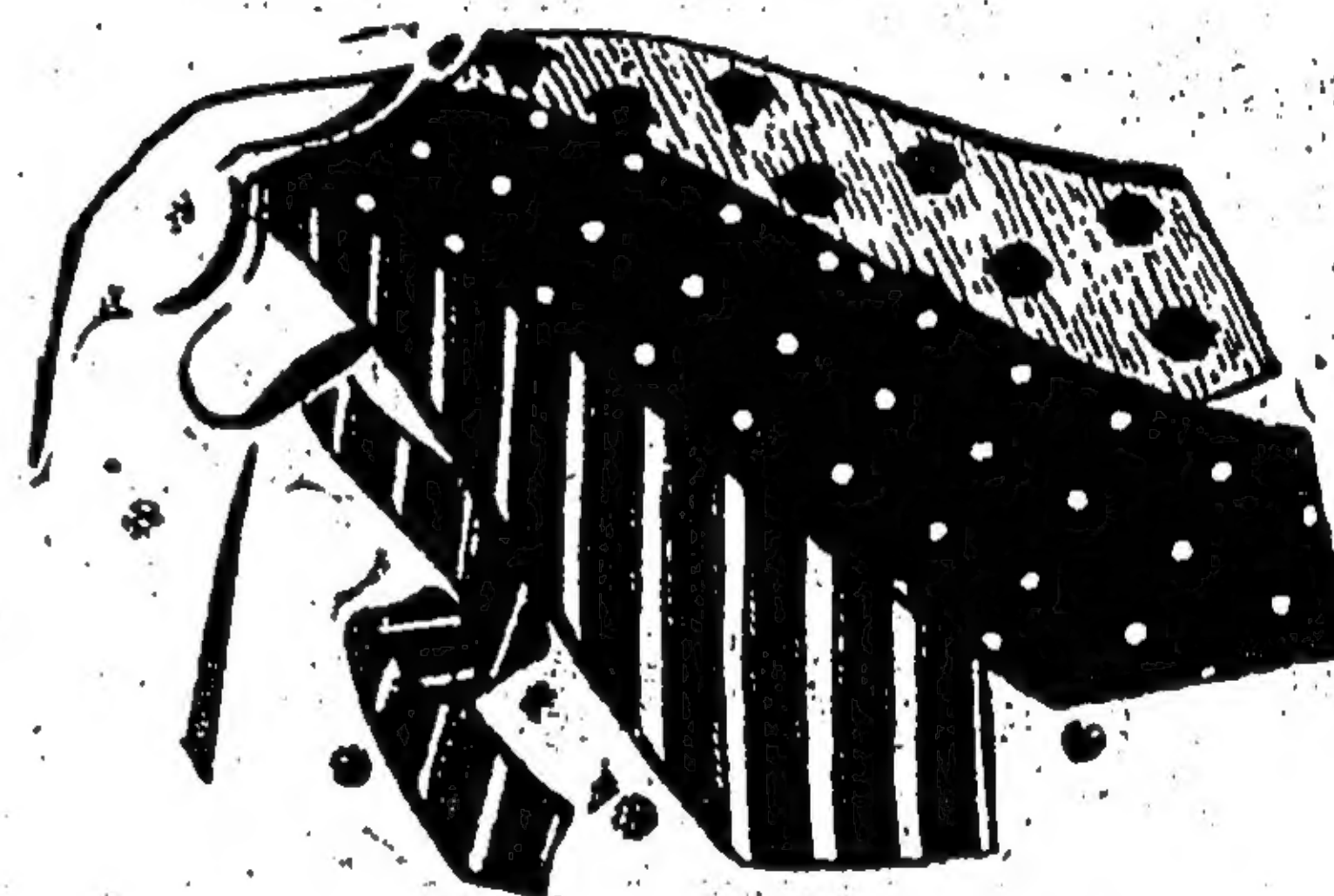
PRICE OF RICE IN JAPAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

The Government will not raise the official price of rice, the Agriculture Minister, Mr. Toshio Shimada, told the

prefectural governors meeting here, reports the "Yomiuri Shimbun." The paper adds it is probable the Government will give subsidies to farmers to offset any losses due to the pegging of the rice price.—Havas.



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PACKARD CAR CLUE TO SHANGHAI KIDNAPPING MYSTERY

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Shanghai, To-day.

THE KIDNAPPING OF MR. Yoong Er-zung, manager of the Sung Sing cotton mills, on May 2, developed further yesterday when the Packard car in which Yoong was driving to office when he was seized, was found abandoned in Ward Road.

Complete mystery still surrounds Yoong's fate; his family have not received news from him since his disappearance a week ago.

Neither Yoong nor his captors has made any move to communicate with the family, and the police are continuing their enquiries.

Meanwhile, Vong Chia-chang and Lee Tse-doong, officials of the Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Company who were kidnapped a week ago, were released by their captors yesterday morning.

They had been detained for a week in a small straw hut in the western district by a group of loafers who demanded money.

The victims refused to write to their families for ransom, saying they had no money anyway, whereupon the kidnappers became fed up and released the men.

Another Kidnapping

Meanwhile another kidnapping was added to the long series of such affairs yesterday when a prominent cotton hong manager was whisked away when leaving his Yu Yuen Road home. No news has yet been received from him.—Our Own Correspondent.

HOLLAND STANDING ON OWN FEET

Amsterdam, To-day.

An official denial that Holland is negotiating with Germany or any other country was given to Reuter last night.

The denial referred to rumours published abroad that following German demands, Holland had sent emissaries to Berlin.

It was reiterated last night that Holland's defensive preparations were being taken in view of the international situation and not as the result of any demands made upon her.—Reuter.

EASING SITUATION

Amsterdam, To-day.

Normal passenger traffic on all Dutch railways will be resumed on Saturday. This is regarded as indicating the easing of the situation.—Reuter.

Defence System Ready

Amsterdam, To-day.

The whole defence system of Holland is now ready for immediate action.

In addition to aerodromes, wide roads and other spaces have been made useless as landing fields for enemy aeroplanes. There has, however, been some relaxation in the railway restrictions.—Reuter.

NEW MINEFIELD AT STOCKHOLM

Stockholm, To-day.

The Swedish press yesterday published a chart showing the location of the new minefield laid outside Stockholm harbour.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT MESSAGE TO IL DUCE --AND DENIAL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.

A mediation offer is contained in a personal letter from President Roosevelt to Mussolini, says the Rome correspondent of the "New York Times."

The American Ambassador in Rome, Mr. William Phillips, delivered the letter.

After reading the document, the correspondent says, Mussolini told Mr. Phillips he appreciated the gesture but regretted the time was not favourable.

He could not conceive of any possible basis for negotiations.

At the end of the conversation Mussolini told Mr. Phillips he would reply personally.—Havas.

Complete Denial

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

The White House categorically denies press reports that the Ambassador in Rome has transmitted to Mussolini President Roosevelt's offer of joint American-Italian mediation in the European conflict.—Havas.

ALLIED MANIFESTO

London, To-day.

Copies of a manifesto to the children of France and Britain signed by Lord de la Warr and M. Sarraut have been distributed to 23,000 schools in England and Wales and about 85,000 in France.

The manifesto, which appears in both languages, speaks of the comradeship of the French and British peoples and stresses the unity existing between the two countries. "We no longer think of one another as speaking a different language and separated by a narrow strip of sea. In the face of the common danger we are as one people."

The manifesto concludes with an appeal to the children of both countries to find out more and more about each other's lives, literature and culture.—British Wireless.

M. C. FOR ACTION ON N. W. FRONTIER

London, To-day.

Lieutenant F. W. MacDonald Quigley, of the Indian Army, has been awarded the Military Cross for gallantry in action against hostile tribes on the North-West Frontier in March.—Reuter.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN PREPARED TO RESIGN



MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN
saying goodbye to No. 10,
Downing Street?

ROOSEVELT PREPARING SENSATION

Washington, To-day.
The subject of President Roosevelt's address to the American Scientific Congress to-night is being kept a close secret at the White House.

It is not questioned that President Roosevelt will deal largely with foreign affairs, and it is difficult to see how he can keep off the subject of the European war.

President Roosevelt himself obviously regards the speech as important because he began its composition as early as Tuesday when he cancelled his press conference on that score.

The Washington "Times-Herald," comments that the President is cloaking his diplomatic manoeuvring in the closest secrecy, but veteran observers are convinced he is charting a sensational course.

The President appears to be moving on two fronts—in the Pacific through the Fleet and in Europe through Rome and, probably, the Vatican.—*Reuter.*

ENEMY CONVOYS TORPEDOED

London, To-day.

An Admiralty communique announces that British submarines have had further successes in their operations against enemy transports

THE RESIGNATION OF MR. CHAMBERLAIN WITHIN THE NEXT 24 HOURS WAS IN LONDON LAST NIGHT REGARDED AS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN.

Long conferences yesterday between the Prime Minister and his leading advisers and supporters were followed in the evening by an invitation to Mr. C. R. Attlee, Leader of the Labour Opposition, and Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Deputy Leader, to No. 10, Downing Street.

At the conclusion of a conversation lasting 45 minutes, Mr. Chamberlain's resignation hinged only upon one thing, the willingness of the Labour Party to participate in a National Government under a new Prime Minister.

The names of Lord Halifax, Mr. Winston Churchill and, strangely, Mr. Lloyd George are mentioned as Mr. Chamberlain's successor at No. 10.

It is understood that at the meeting between the Prime Minister and the Labour leaders, Mr. Chamberlain asked them whether they were prepared to serve in a re-constructed government under his leadership, and, if not, whether they are prepared to serve under the leadership of another member of the Conservative Party.

Reuter learns that the reply of the Labour leaders was that service under Mr. Chamberlain was impossible.

That, incidentally, is the view also held by the Opposition Liberals headed by Sir Archibald Sinclair, who would also be invited to participate.

On whether or not the Labour Party will be prepared to join an All-Party Government under other leadership depends the issue.

A decision will be made finally at a meeting of the Party Executive to be held in Bournemouth to-day.

Form Of Questions

The form of the questions put by Mr. Chamberlain to Mr. Attlee and Mr. Greenwood may be taken as clear indication that the Prime Minister is now willing to resign if such action would lead to the formation of a new National Government satisfactory to all parties.

Lord Halifax and Mr. Winston Churchill were present at the interview.

It was indicated later that the Prime Minister would not be seeing the King until after the Labour Party decision on participation had been made known, and nothing more is expected until late to-day.

Departure Nearly Certain

Reuter's Parliamentary correspondent learns that last night's developments, accelerated by the speeches in the Commons, make the departure of Mr. Chamberlain almost certain.

The most likely names, from which the new Prime Minister will be selected were considered late last night to be Lord Halifax, Mr. Churchill and Mr. Lloyd George.

For various reasons, including the possible complications arising from the fact that Lord Halifax is a member of the House of Lords, the most likely selection is felt to be Mr. Churchill.

Although the decision about Lab-

our cooperation in an All-Party Government is a matter for the Party Conference, it is believed that Labour will be found willing to serve under Mr. Churchill.—*Reuter.*

and supply ships.
In an attack on a convoy of 10 enemy ships, six torpedoes found their mark.

Three hits were made on another convoy and two on a third convoy.

One ship sailing independently was torpedoed and sunk. Another was driven ashore and destroyed by gunfire and torpedo.—*Reuter.*

CALL FOR REAL NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

London, To-day.
A meeting of about thirty of the Government supporters who voted against Mr. Chamberlain in the debate on Norway was held in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon.

The meeting unanimously decided that the next Government must be a real National Government.—*Reuter.*

268 U-BOAT PRISONERS IN ENGLAND

London, To-day.
A further list of 41 U-boat prisoners of war now held in Britain has been issued by the War Office.

There is now a total of 268 U-boat prisoners in Britain, comprising 30 officers and 238 other ranks.

Besides these, there are 20 German Air Force officers and 44 other ranks prisoners of war in Britain.—*British Wireless.*



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London, To-day.

A GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION of the success of three actions in the Norwegian campaign enabling three British battalions, fighting by day, to withdraw during the short hours of darkness 103 miles over a single track railway down the Gudbrandsdal and Romsdalen to the sea, was given yesterday in London by an officer of General Paget's Staff.

Holding a position at Kvam for 48 hours in the face of incessant air attacks, to which they were unable to reply except by machine-gun, a battalion of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry successfully held up the German advance until ordered to withdraw.

A German column led by tanks and armoured cars made contact with the British troops early on the morning of April 26, firing somewhat indiscriminately into houses on the roadside as they advanced.

Throughout the day Nazi ski troops vainly endeavoured to work round the snow covered hills to pierce the flanks of the British battalion.

When darkness fell the K.O.Y.L.I. withdrew with precision down the railway line to the little village of Otta, where a battalion of the Green Howards—together with one of the Yorks and Lances Regiment, had prepared a defensive position.

Severe Fighting

Here on April 28 severe fighting took place the troops often being engaged hand to hand.

Such was the effect of the British resistance, the staff officer said, that it was noticed the Nazi troops after that day seemed unwilling to press home attacks and when the action was broken off that night the British troops withdrew unmolested to trains concealed in a tunnel about three miles behind the front line.

A great tribute was paid by the staff officer to the efficiency and devotion to duty of the Norwegian railway and telephone services, which at great risk gave magnificent help to the British troops.

As the troops withdrew the demolition of bridges proceeded according to plan and in no case did planned demolition fail "to be blown."

Next halt was made at Dombaas where, because of the successful destruction of bridges, the troops obtained one day's much needed rest and it was not until April 30 that the enemy again made contact having received machine gun replacements by air.

K.O.Y.L.I. Again

During the afternoon the K.O.Y.L.I. again fought splendidly and at nine in the evening entrained at Dombaas station.

It was anticipated this battalion would go directly to Aandalsnes and there embark but the train was derailed and the troops had to march 17 miles.

It says much for their morale, the staff officer says, that in spite of having fought hard six hours on April 30, suffering a trainwreck and then marching 17 miles, they readily deployed again at 5.30 in the afternoon of May 1 and easily held the enemy until dark when they again entrained and, reaching Aandalsnes, embarked, being the last troops to leave Norway.

The staff officer described the German troops as efficient and very well trained.

The staff officer paid high praise to these British Territorials who held the enemy in spite of both air

and artillery attack without means of replying.

Fantastic Claims

The position of rations, the staff officer said, was satisfactory. Only the most advanced troops, who must always rely upon such provisions as they have with them, did not receive regular adequate supplies.

He described German claims relating to the capture of materials as "fantastic," adding he did not think that there were such quantities taken into Norway. The British troops took out all they could carry and destroyed as much of what was left as they were able.—British Wireless.

JAPANESE ADVANCE ON FANCHENG

Chungking, To-day.

The Japanese vanguards are about 20 miles from Fancheng, according to the latest Chinese field despatches from northern Hupeh.

A Japanese column pushing north from Chungtsiang along the east bank of the Han River has reached Huanglungkung, a village east of Fancheng, and south of the main highway between Tsaoayang and Fancheng. The Japanese seem to be trying to cut the highway east of Fancheng near Shuankoucheng and to effect a junction with the Japanese forces pushing west along the Tsaoayang highway.

Another Japanese column from Suhsien has reached a point southwest of Tsaoayang while a third column advancing along the highway is now engaging the Chinese near Tangshenchong, east of Tsaoayang.

A Japanese column from the Peking-Hankow Railway which occupied Miyang has now passed Tangho and is pushing north along the highway towards Nanyang.

A Japanese column from Sinyang is still engaged by the Chinese near Tungpeh and is making little headway in its westward drive.—Reuter.

ATTACKS ON WIDE FRONT IN FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French war communiqué stated that during the previous night's infantry actions, which took place on a large front, the enemy everywhere were repulsed.

During the day there was activity of both artilleries to the west of the Vosges and in the region of Wissembourg.—Reuter.

A SENTENCE AND THE NAZI VERSION

London, To-day.

Mr. Lloyd George's comment in the Commons debate on Wednesday, when Mr. Churchill said he would take complete responsibility for everything done by the Admiralty and would take a full share of the burden, that "Mr. Churchill must not allow himself to be converted into an air raid shelter to keep splinters from hitting his colleagues," was transformed by a German Trans-Ocean broadcast into a surprising statement.

Mr. Lloyd George was made to say: "I hope Mr. Churchill will not take refuge in air raid cellars to protect himself against splinters of shells hitting his Ministerial colleagues or Admirals."—British Wireless.

BRITAIN'S RELATIONS WITH SOVIET

London, To-day.

Questions were asked in the Commons yesterday afternoon concerning trade relations between Britain and Russia and Britain and Italy.

The Foreign Under-Secretary said His Majesty's Government had under consideration a communication received on April 29 from the Soviet Government.

His Majesty's Government had now asked the Soviet Government to furnish them with further information so that they could judge whether the obligations undertaken by the Soviet Government would render it possible for that Government at present to conclude a trade agreement with the United Kingdom on the lines which His Majesty's Government had in mind.

Mr. Butler, in another reply, said the discussions between representatives of the British and Italian Governments were continuing and His Majesty's Government hoped they might lead to useful results.—British Wireless.

NO RIGHT TO CRITICISE IN SWEDEN

Stockholm, To-day.

The "Social-Demokraten," organ of the Social Democratic Labour Party of Sweden, says that Sweden has no right to reproach Britain; she was never asked to protect Norway and never undertook this until the Germans moved.

The Swedes (the paper continues), who have done and are doing nothing for their Norwegian brothers have no moral right to criticise Britain for the failure of her help.

The paper pays tribute to British democracy which allowed such a debate to be held in open session with the whole world listening. There are weaknesses in such a democracy, but

SOVIET'S OFFER OF BALTIC PACTS

New York, To-day.

The Soviet has proposed to Sweden and Finland pacts similar to those negotiated last year with Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, according to "a usually reliable source," says the Stockholm correspondent of the "Christian Science Monitor."

The correspondent adds the proposal is believed to be receiving serious consideration in Stockholm and Helsinki.

It is reported the Soviet proposals include a plan for joint fortification and defence of the Aaland Islands.

It is further reported that if the proposals are accepted, the Soviet is willing to restore the Karelian provinces to Finland.

The correspondent is of opinion that Sweden, faced with a choice between German domination and gravitation towards the Soviet, might choose the latter as a lesser evil.—Reuter.

POLITICAL TRUCE IN DUBLIN

Dublin, To-day.

A political truce was announced in the Dail yesterday by Mr. William Cosgrave, leader of the opposition.

Mr. Cosgrave said his party did not propose to contest the by-election in Galway for the seat rendered vacant by the death of the Government supporter, nor did he propose to move a writ for the Kilkenny vacancy due to the death of the member of his own party.

Mr. Cosgrave said he would not move the Kilkenny writ until the Premier said the danger of civil disturbance was past.

It is understood both by-elections will be postponed for three months.—Reuter.

JAPANESE ARMS FOR RUMANIA

Bucharest, To-day.

It is understood the Japanese Government has offered to deliver to the Rumanian Government certain armaments, especially anti-tank and anti-aircraft guns.

It appears these weapons proved their worth during the Sino-Japanese war.

It is believed the offer will be accepted but the contract is awaiting clarification by the Japanese Government regarding the method of payment.—Reuter.

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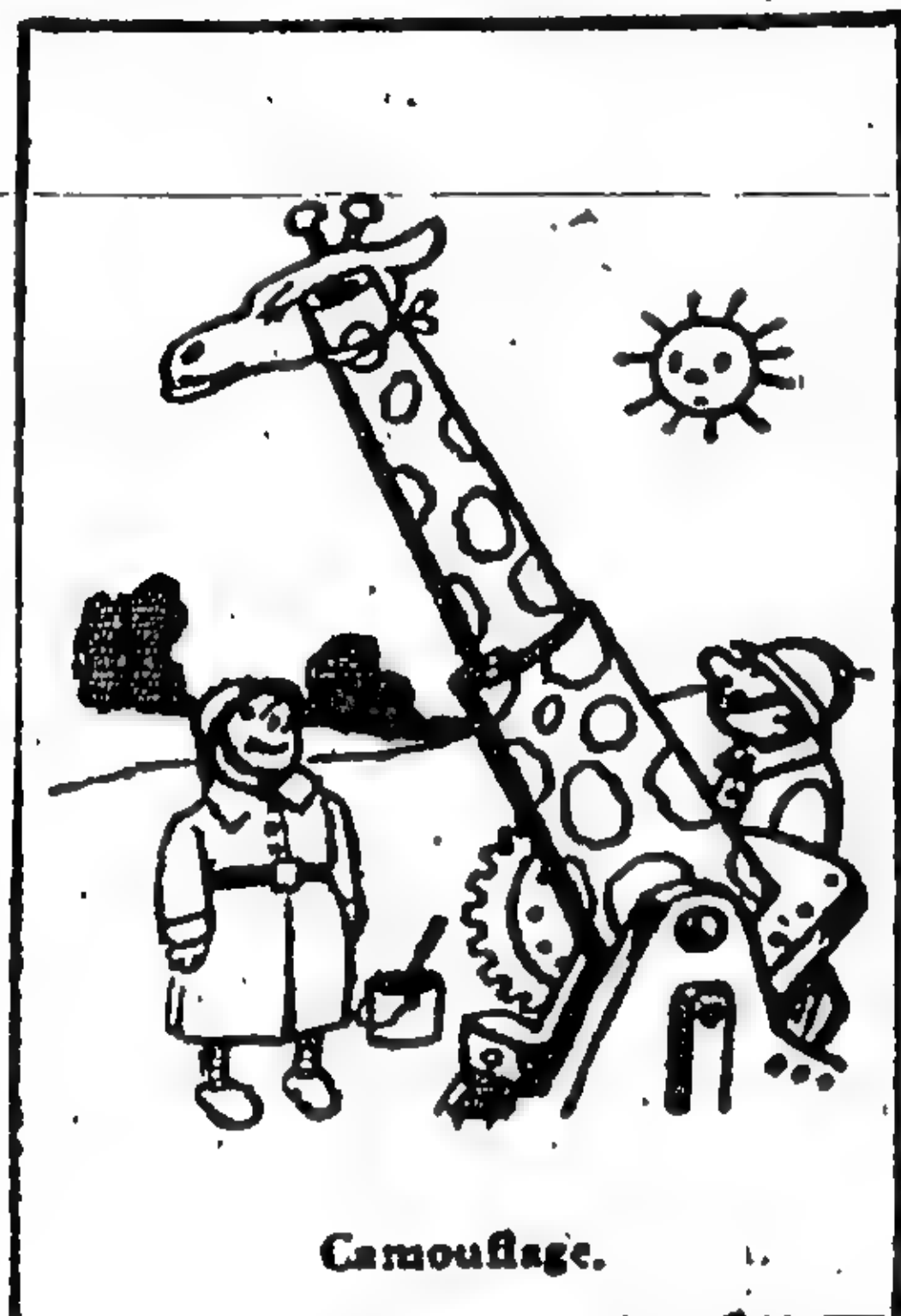
One thing is certain: Britain will take the war far more earnestly than before.—Reuter.

News Snack Bar

THE £50,000 PLODDER TELLS HIS CHILDREN 'BE THRIFTY'

AS MR. WALTER ARCHIBALD William Dawn came towards the end of life "after long years of plodding work," he thought of the five people who had meant most to him.

And so Mr. Dawn, chairman of the Rangoon (Burma) Electric Tramway and Supply Co., Ltd., made a will disposing of his estate in England valued at £55,525.



"Marianne," Paris.

Quis Custodiet . . . ?

They are saying in the City that many sandbag barricades are now so beautifully encased that they really ought to be protected by sandbags.

The Real Secret Weapon?

A humorist in the shipping trade declares that he has discovered the secret weapon with which Hitler is to destroy British sea trade and with it the British Empire. It is the Ministry of Shipping.

Town's Two Cars In Nearly Every Garage

The goal of the prosperity era in the United States—two cars in everyone's garage—came near to fulfillment in Newton, Mass., last year. The tax assessors' report shows that the city had 14,894 homes and 27,527 cars in 1939. —Reuter.

Cow Pays Call In Flats

A cow walked upstairs in flats at Dene Side, Great Yarmouth. It was not slim enough, and it stuck on the first storey for twenty-five minutes. A policeman tried to persuade it to back down. It refused. Eventually it broke the banisters and dashed into the street, where it was caught.

To his wife, Mah Huin Bin, he left 1,000 rupees (about £75), the use for life of his home and effects in Upper Mainroad, Moulmein, Burma, and about £405 a year for life.

He left £500 to Robert, one of his three sons, £500 to his daughter Frances, £250 on trust to another son, James, and several small bequests to charities and friends.

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To his children Richard, Robert and Frances he left the remainder of the £55,000 (after £5,051 estate duty had been paid), enjoining them to—

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Telling The Germans

All Italian frontiers will be very soon extremely well fortified, said the Rome radio announcer in German.

Woman Spy To Die

A German woman spy named Eugenie Lupz has been sentenced to death by the military court at Marseilles.

Her accomplice, a German named Kurt Augerer, who evaded arrest and escaped from France has also been sentenced to death, by default.

Norwegian Seamen In Britain Volunteer

London, April 16. One hundred and fifty Norwegian seamen, who are at present in Newcastle, yesterday formed their own volunteer unit in the hope that they will be able to join the British or Norwegian forces. They sent a telegram to Mr. C. Jarman, national organizer of the National Union of Seamen, asking for his help, and he, it is stated, will get in touch with the Norwegian Legation or the Ministry of Shipping, so that the services of the men can be put to best use.



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R.A.F. Hero Promoted

Squadron-Leader Andrew Douglas Farquhar, the thirty-four-year-old Scottish stockbroker who has brought down four Heinkel bombers, has been appointed a Wing Commander.

His Father's

Kit Bag

When Colin Little, aged nineteen joined the Royal Artillery at the Territorial headquarters in Biggleswade, Beds, they issued him with a kit-bag.

It was not new, and as he turned it outside in he saw a name and a number. The surname was his own.

He found that he had been given the kit-bag his father carried through the last war.

His father, Mr. Herbert Little, of Biggleswade, handed back the kit-bag at Felixstowe in 1919.

Wants Idle Castles

Used As Billets

Vacant castles and mansion-houses throughout Britain should be used as community homes for evacuees, says Provost the Rev. Neil McGill, of Inverbervie, Kincardineshire.

Mr. McGill is a member of the Kincardineshire Landward Committee, who have decided to make a survey of Lauriston Castle, St. Cyrus, for this purpose.

"It is time these castles and country seats were used on a commercial basis," he told a reporter. "Evacuees could be comfortably housed and educated."

Yellow Jumper

River Riddle

Bucks. police dragged the River Thames at Dorney, near Windsor, after a woman's clothes had been found on the bank. They included a yellow jumper.

The only clue on which the police have to work is the name "Hodskins" on an undergarment.

Scotland Yard have been informed, but the police are also considering whether a hoax has been staged.

A man's clothing was found near the spot a week ago. His body was later recovered from the river.

She's Speechless

Woman in the Divorce Court: "My husband did all the talking and said he had nothing to say."

He Should

Tell Berlin

Lord Haw Haw said in his English broadcast "Berlin has neither seen nor heard any British planes by day or by night."

Watches For Exeter Men

Ten Sheffield (Yorks) men serving in H.M.S. Exeter will each return from home leave with a gold watch and chain in his pocket.

They are the gifts of local cinema-goers. Patrons at one cinema decided to give the watches. Not to be outdone, those at another bought the chains.



"Who is he?"
"Smith."

"Marianne," Paris.

Wedding Ring Tight

Because the ring was too small to slip on his bride's finger, a London bridegroom asked the registrar for the loan of a piece of soap.

The registrar had no soap. The bride finished the ceremony with the ring only half on.

Search For

Five Patients

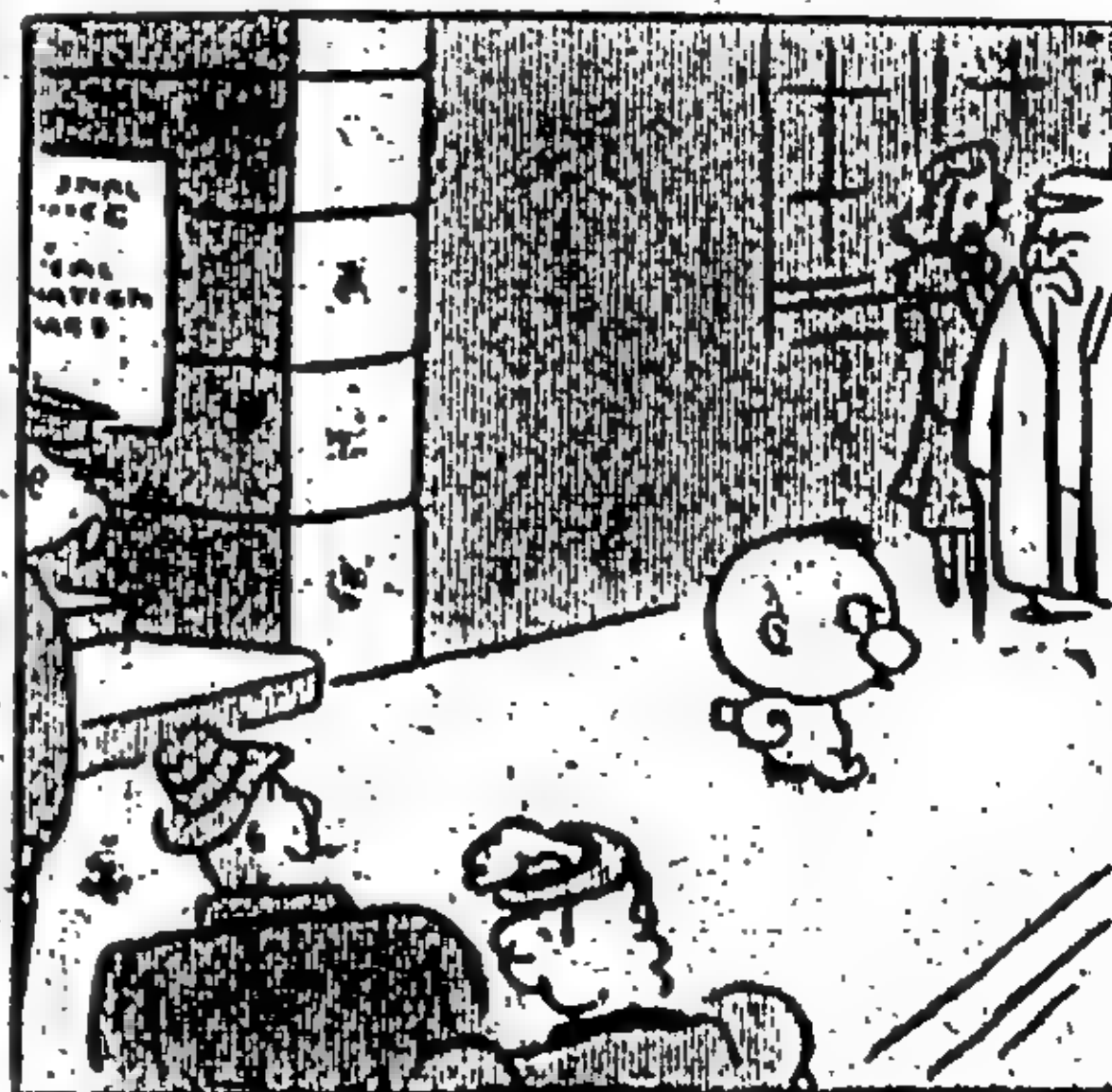
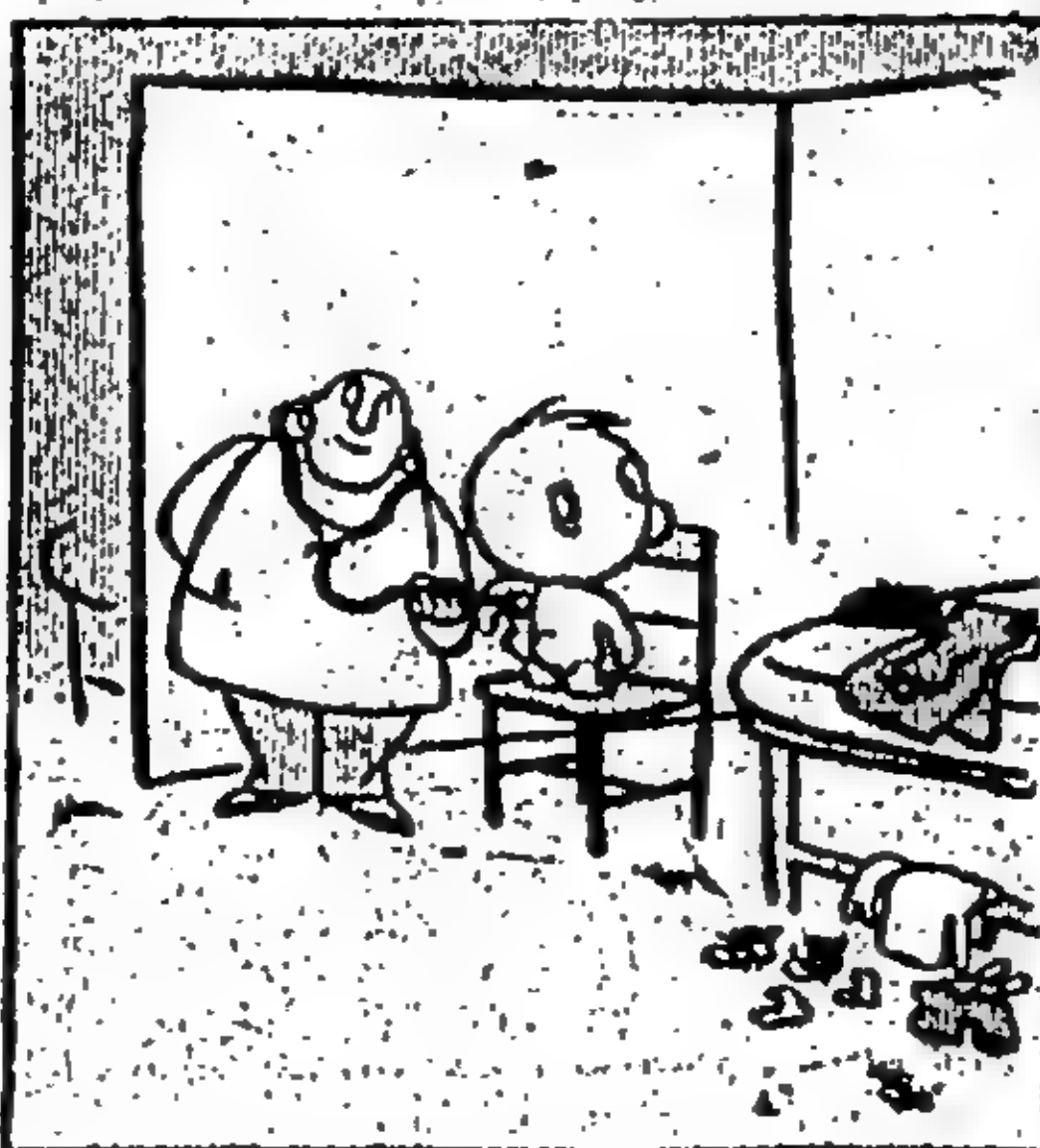
Police have been asked to search for five men and boy mental patients, aged between 16 and 27, who are missing from the Manor Certified Institute, Epsom, Surrey.

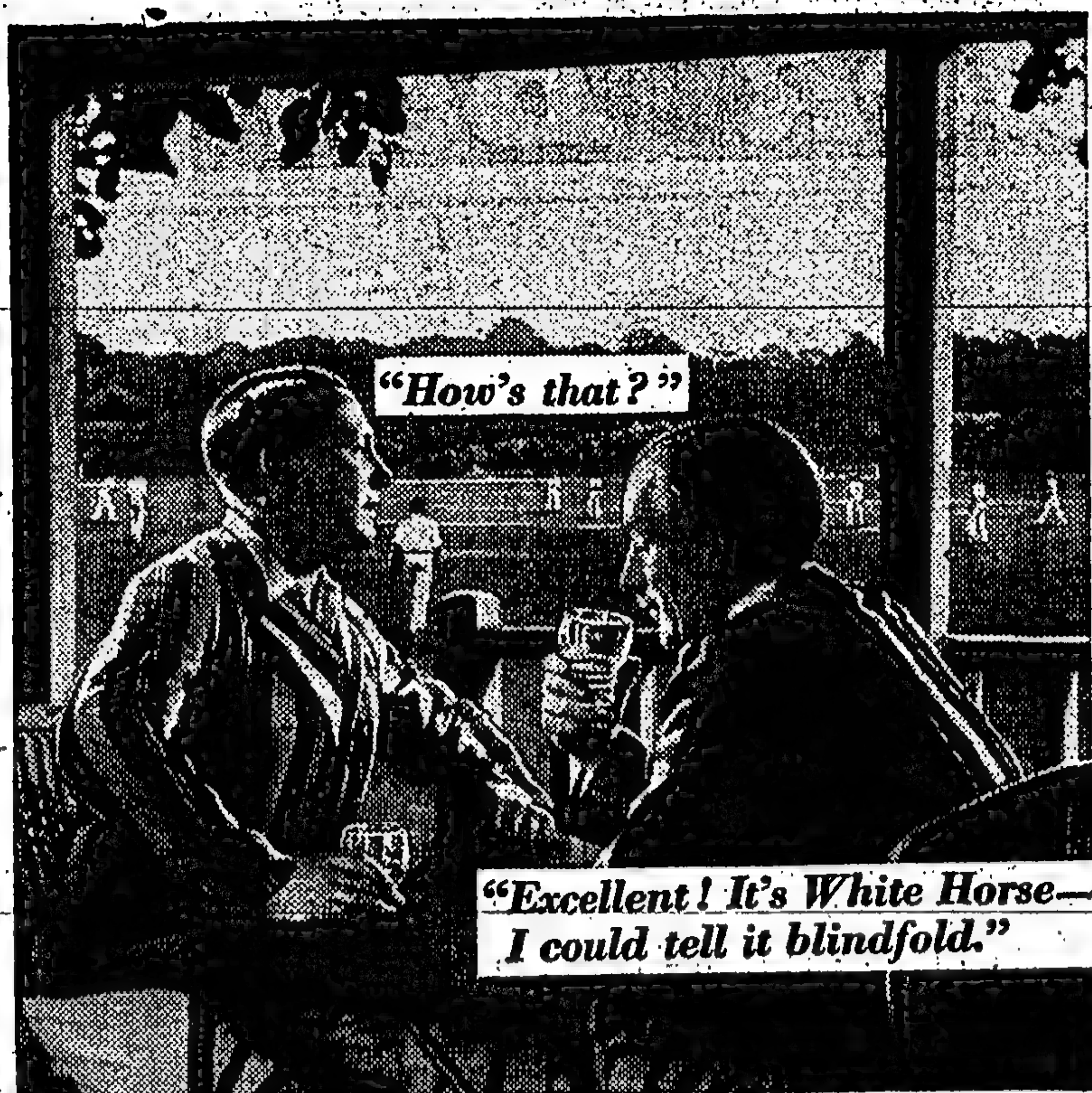
Wardens Graded

Sutton and Cheam Borough Council are grading their 1340 wardens. More than 400 who have undertaken an intensive course of training, in addition to passing an anti-gas examination, have been awarded special First-Class Wardens' certificates.

V.C. Joins Up Again

Mr. Brett Mackay Cloutman, a London barrister, who won the last V.C. to be awarded before the Armistice in the last war, is to rejoin the Army at the age of forty-eight.





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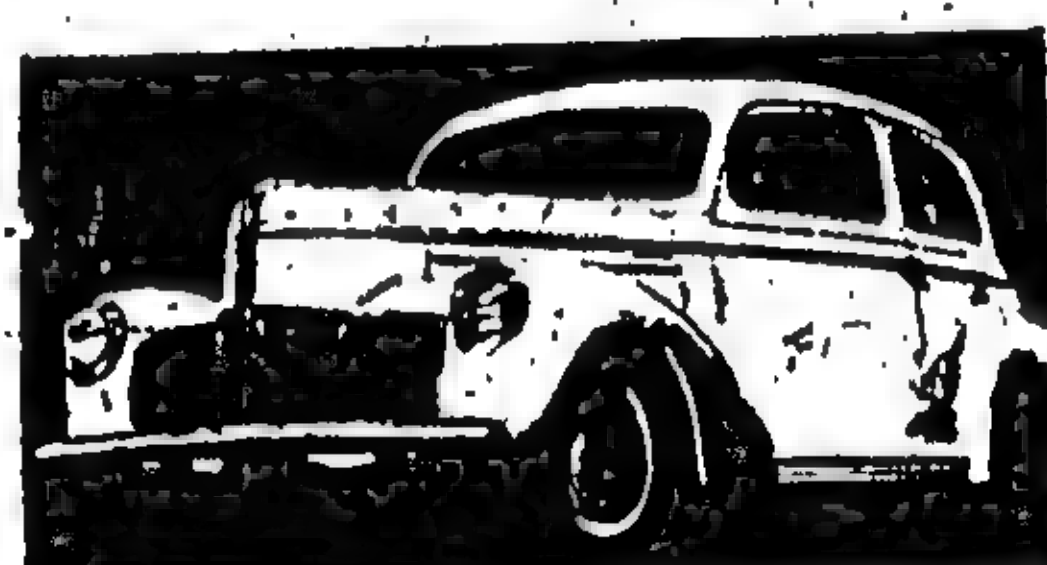
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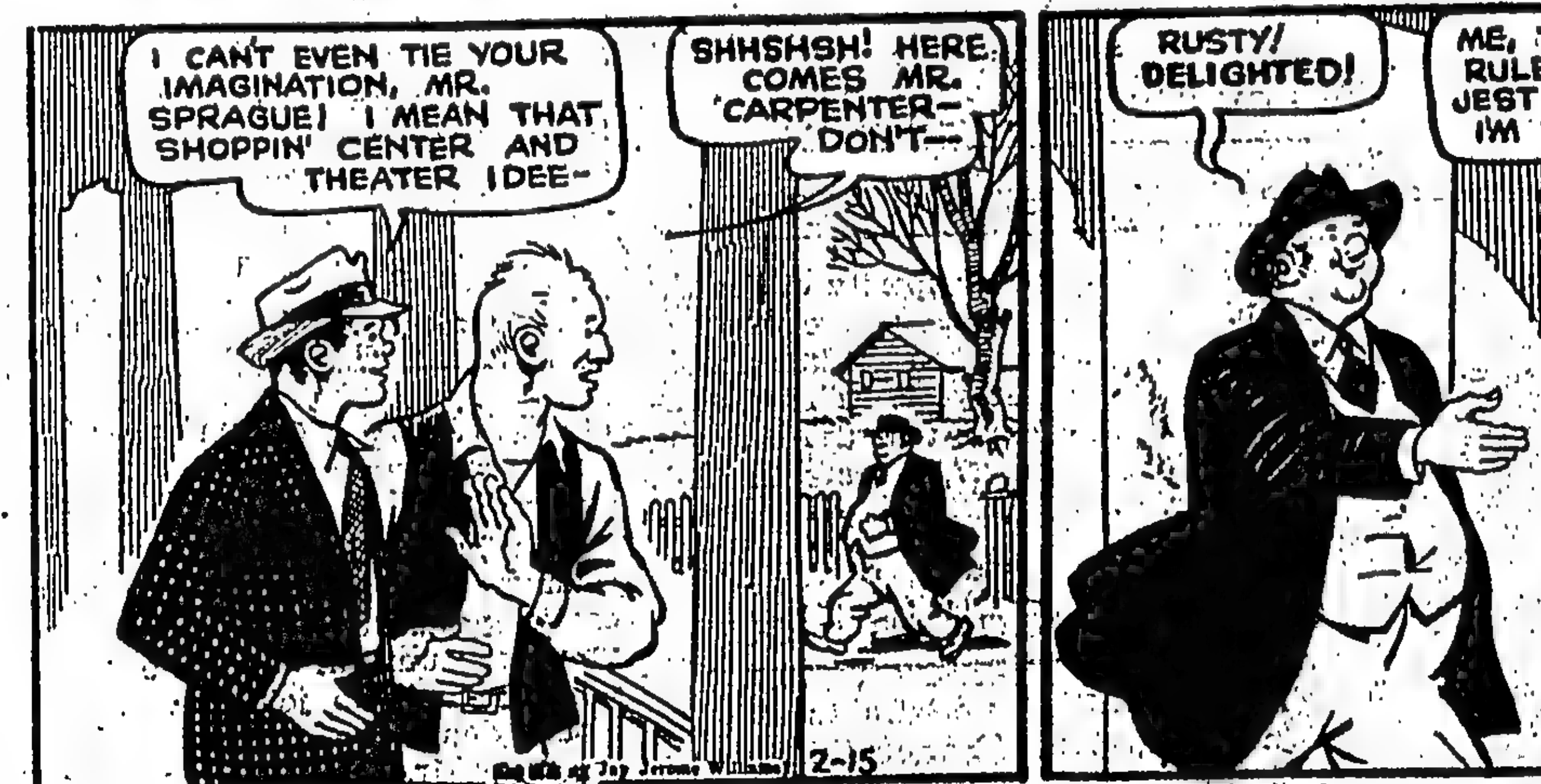
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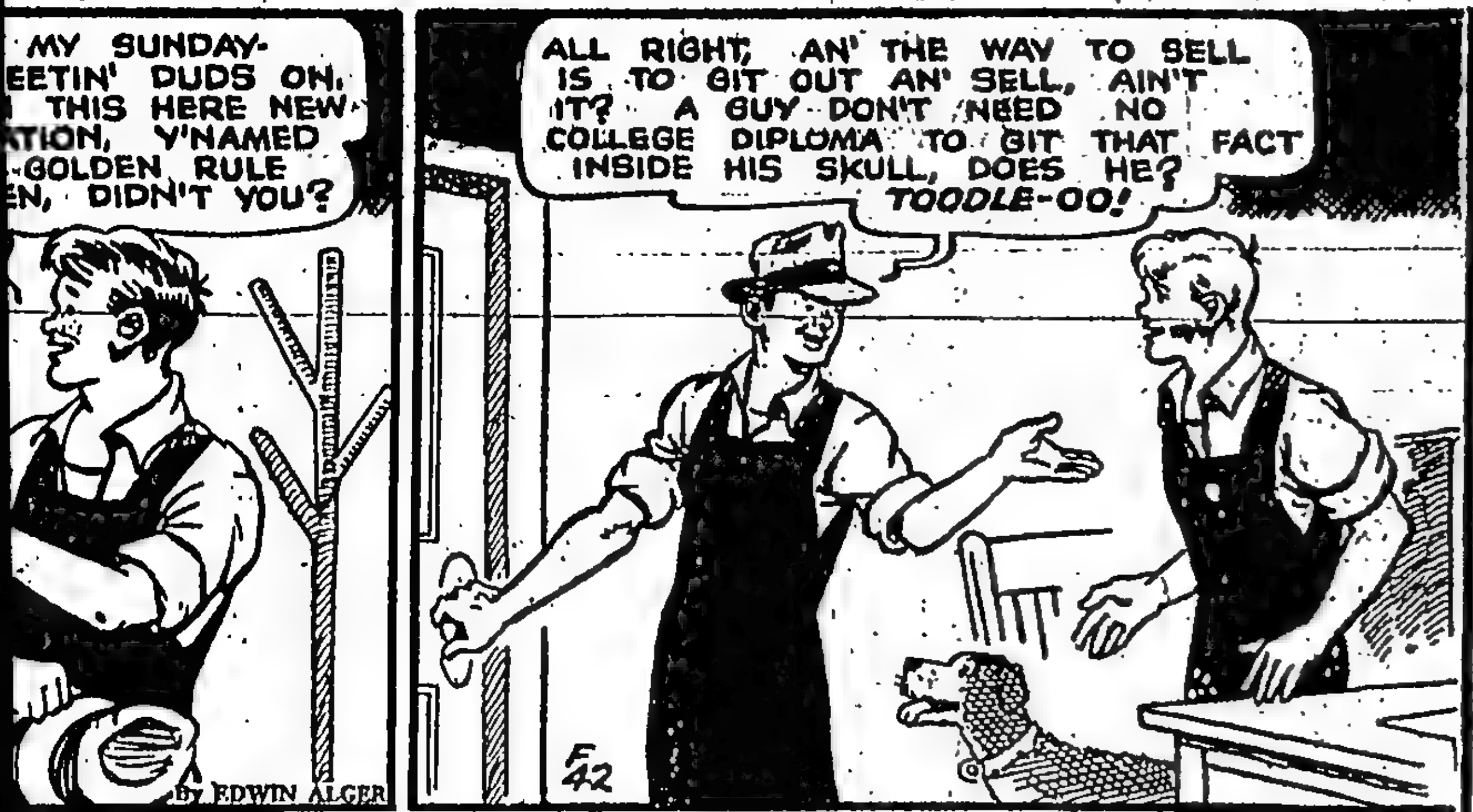
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SHORT STORY

THRONE OF NARSHINGH

By
Dewan Sharar

A small, happy procession made its way from the city of Narshingh to the green jungle beyond.

The guards at the gates saluted as it went by. Young girls composed of highborn maidens whose sole duty was to provide companionship for the Rajah's daughter. The jewellery on their arms and ankles tinkled delicately as they walked; they laughed and chattered in fresh delicious voices, and some of them sang. In the centre, four strapping Amazons of lasses bore the silken palanquin of the Princess. They were bound for a day's pic-nicking in the forest that fringed the jungle. They had not a care in the world.

The Rajah of Narshingh, seated on his massive throne with its canopy of jewelled cloth-of-gold, its arms fashioned like tigers with emeralds for eyes, glanced out of a window, saw the gay little procession, and considered it for a moment with something almost like envy.

"They are the lucky ones," he said. His ministers agreed with him. It was the first time they had been able to do so, and they had been sitting in

council for many hours. Harassing matters were afoot. The cares of state weighed heavily.

"Now this is the position," said the Rajah. "Either we give my daughter in marriage to the Rajah of Bhaibak in which case he will inherit the throne in due course—or else we refuse her to him; in which case he will make war on us. If he makes war on us he will inevitably win, because this land is divided against itself; even after twenty years only half its people are with me; the other half are against me, holding that I have no right to the throne. I maintain that I have, since I took it from Rajah Ghansham in fair fight which was not of my provoking. Yet should it come to war with Bhaibak, I do not like to think how many of my subjects would go over to his side out of sheer hatred of me. Were it not so he would not dare attack us; our weakness is his only strength."

"Therefore we advise, Majesty, that you grant his request and give him the Princess Rujni to wife," said his Pradhan (chief minister).

"And I say no," said the Rajah. "I

do not wish him to inherit this land when I am gone."

"Yet whoever the Princess marries will have to do so, since your Majesty has no son," said the Pradhan.

"True; but I do not wish it to be Bhaibak," said the Rajah.

"Then he will take the throne by force," said the Pradhan.

"Is it not possible to find another suitor for the Princess—a strong one who will be willing, if need be, to fight for her and for the throne which will one day be his?" asked the Raj Rishi, or Royal Priest, whose auspicious presence was necessary at all such conferences.

"Is there time to find such a suitor?" said the Rajah. Will Bhaibak wait while we seek one?"

"If only your Majesty would yield to the necessity of accepting Bhaibak as a son-in-law!" sighed the Pradhan.

"That I will never do," said the Rajah.

They wrangled on.

Out in the forest where the grass was fresh and unarched, and the trees generously shady, their daughters amused themselves untroubled by affairs of State. The bearers set the palanquin down, and the Princess Rujni alighted from it, and having surveyed the green glades with approval, commanded that the jhoola, or great swing that could hold three or four girls at once, be hung straightway from the branches of a suitable mango tree. And there the first check to their day's pleasure occurred: for Saral, daughter of the Raj Rishi, and Rujni's greatest friend, had undertaken to see that the jhoola was brought; and behold, there was the jhoola, but not so much as an inch of rope whereby to hang it.

"So now we cannot swing; and it would have been so pleasant out in this cool shade," sighed the Princess reproachfully.

"We will contrive to hang the jhoola even yet, Highness," said Saral, very annoyed with herself. "It should be possible to borrow a rope."

"From whom, in this uninhabited place?" asked the Princess.

"Highness, it is not wholly uninhabited," said Saral. "There is a community of shepherds living hereabouts; one in especial, their leader, is very brave and has killed many fierce tigers. He is bound to have a rope; all shepherds carry them."

"Where does he live and what is he called?" asked Rujni, interested.

"I am not sure where his hut is, save that it is somewhere near, nor do I know his name," Saral confessed, "but if we all scream 'Tiger! Tiger!' loudly enough, he is sure to come if he is anywhere within earshot."

So they screamed, "Tiger! Tiger!" with a will, and achieved such a fine convincing clamour that presently they heard an answering shout, and through the trees there came speeding a tall, very personable young man, wearing a cotton dhoti and carrying a spear; the rope that all jungle shepherds carry was round his waist; and about his neck was a long necklace of threaded tiger-claws.

"Who cried 'Tiger'?" he said. "Was it you, maidens? Where is the tiger?"

"We have seen none and hope to see none, shepherd," said Saral, "but we could think of no quicker way to bring you here. We desire to hang our jhoola, and we have forgotten to bring rope; will you be kind and lend us yours?"

The young shepherd frowned. "You should not give the alarm of 'tiger' falsely; it is no jesting matter," he said. "As for the rope, I will lend it to you willingly; and hang the jhoola for you also; if you will show me where you desire it."

He went with them to the great mango tree, and uncoiled the rope and hung the jhoola; and Saral laughed and jested with him, but the Princess was rather quiet, watching him with her wide dark eyes (for he was very comely); and he in his turn kept glancing her way, for she was most beautiful. When the jhoola was up and tested, he would have taken his leave, but Rujni stopped him.

"What is your name, shepherd?"

she said. "I am called Nanda," said the young man.

"I am Rujni, daughter of the Rajah," said the Princess. "Will you not stay and join in our games?"

"Very gladly indeed," said Nanda.

So for the rest of the day—while, in the council-chamber of the palace, the Rajah's brow grew darker and darker, the faces of his ministers more and more grave—Rujni and her maidens swung in the jhoola, with Nanda's strong arms plying the ropes; and played Ankh Macholi, which is the world-wide, immemorial game of blindman's-buff; and pretended to go tiger-hunting, with Nanda, as the prey, easily eluding the spear flung by their unskilled hands; they played the sitar and danced; and they finished up the day with a mock-marriage, with Nanda for bridegroom, Rujni for bride, and Saral, by virtue of being a Brahmini and a priest's daughter, performing the ceremony. In the long light and slanting shadows of late afternoon they danced in a solemn circle round the great mango tree, the end of Nanda's dhoti tied to the end of Rujni's sari in the proper nuptial knot; Nanda chanted the marriage mantras, and the girls sang the congratulatory wedding song at the end, amid great gaiety. Only Saral, keen-eyed, noticed that neither Nanda nor Rujni was laughing quite as much as the rest; they kept looking at each other with shy, grave glances; and her heart misgave her lest, all unthinkingly, she had started a fire that could only be quenched with tears.

When they had bidden Nanda farewell (and he and Rujni parted reluctantly), the other girls teased the Princess as they helped her into the palanquin.

"Pity that the mock marriage was not a real one, with such a handsome bridegroom!" they said gaily.

But Rujni was silent, and there was no answering laughter in her eyes.

On the morrow her father called her before him.

"My daughter, I have been driven to a grave decision," he said. "All yesterday my ministers and I were discussing the Rajah of Bhaibak's offer for your hand; and we have had to admit at last that there is nothing for it but to consent."

Rujni stood horror-stricken.

"You told me, my father, that you would never do so!" she said.

"I never meant to," said the Rajah, "but the kingdom is in desperate peril of war, and this alone can avert it."

Rujni's eyes flashed.

"Are we not Rajputs? Can we not fight?" she said. "Are our men no longer capable of wielding sword?"

"We could fight indeed; but to what end when half our subjects would be on Bhaibak's side?" her father retorted. "You forget that they are still Ghansham's men, though Ghansham has been dead twenty years; they still hate me as a usurper."

"But I will not marry Bhaibak!" said the Princess.

The Rajah regarded her with amazement. Princess or no Princess, a Hindu maiden of those days did not lightly defy her father.

"You will do as I command!" he said. His voice softened. "The Gods know I do not wish it," he said, "but there is no other way to save the kingdom of Narshingh from fire and slaughter."

She looked him imploringly in the eyes; saw that he spoke truth, and bowed her head in despairing submission.

The envoy from Bhaibak came next day, and the Rajah received him in open Durbar, with his court and ministers present, and Rujni and her maidens in a curtained balcony close by; and the gates flung wide that all the people of Narshingh might come if they chose to hear matters of State transacted and bring their own disputes for his judgment, after the custom of the day. And the people came, filling the great outer court of the palace—the unspeaking, sullen-eyed people of Narshingh; looking in un-

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THRONE OF NARSHINGH

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friendly wise at the Rajah whose presence on the throne they had never ceased to resent.

"We have considered well the Rajah of Bhaibak's request for our daughter's hand in marriage," the Rajah said to the envoy, "and here in open Durbar we send him his answer. Bear word to him that it is our pleasure to grant his request—"

A man's voice near at hand said urgently, "Majesty!"

The Rajah wheeled. A young man had detached himself from the throng of onlookers and come forward to the foot of the throne; a tall young man, poorly clad, with no ornaments save a necklace of tiger-claws, but wearing at his side the sword that proclaimed him a member of the proud Kshatriya caste.

The Rajah's fierce glance played over him like a flame before signalling the guards to deal with the interrupter. But before they could reach him the young man spoke again.

"Majesty," he said, "this marriage cannot be. Her Highness the Princess is already a wife."

The Rajah faced him thunderously, and the envoy stared, and among the people a low murmur swept like wind through grass; but the young man stood his ground.

"Either you lie or you rave," the Rajah said sternly. "Who are you, and what brings you here at such a moment with these wild words?"

"Majesty, they are true," said the young man. "I am Nanda the shepherd, and the Princess and I were married two days ago, in the forest, with all her maidens present. She thought, as did they, that it was no more than a mock marriage carried out in sport; but I knew it was a true one, for the mantras I chanted were the solemn mantras of the wedding ceremony; and the rites were performed by Saral, daughter of the Raj Rishi, and therefore a priestess by birth. The Princess and I are man and wife, Majesty; and I am come to claim my bride."

"If this is true—" the Rajah began furiously; and turned to the balcony where Rujni and her attendants sat, and Rujni's face with its mingling of fear and joy, and Saral's frightened one, told him all he needed to know.

"It is true indeed, my father," Rujni faltered.

Beneath the blazing wrath in the Rajah's eye a meaner man would have quailed; but Nanda did not quail.

The envoy stood back out of hear-



The newly wed Mrs. J. W. Thirlwell (nee Andrade) receiving congratulations of her friends after her wedding at St. Joseph's Church last Sunday. (King's Studio).

ing. There followed a moment's silence.

"Majesty," the Raj Rishi said at length, "since the young man, though of the Kshatriya caste, is not of kingly birth, the wedding can of necessity be declared void and the Princess still free to marry. Yet think well; whether that course is a wise one or not remains to be seen, and it may be that this happening was decreed by the Gods."

The old Pradhan removed his steadfast gaze from Nanda and looked at the Rajah.

"Those are wise words that the Raj Rishi has spoken," he said. "Your Majesty has never desired the alliance with Bhaibak; only the disaffection of your own subjects has forced you to it, Majesty, consider. If you proclaim this young man here and now to the people of Narshingh as your son-in-law and heir to the throne—no stranger but one of themselves—will that not win them over to you at last, so that, united, you can laugh at Bhaibak and bid him do his worst?"

"There is wisdom in what you say, Pradhan-Ji," the Rajah said slowly. "True, it is only a chance; nevertheless it is a chance worth taking."

"I believe so," said the Pradhan gravely.

The Rajah stood up, beckoning Nanda close; and the trumpets blared and the herald cried for silence.

"People of Narshingh!" the Rajah said. "Behold the husband of Princess Rujni—Nanda, a man of Narshingh, of your own land and your own blood.

He and no stranger shall inherit the throne and rule over you when we are gone. Therefore let the old enmity between you and ourselves be ended now for ever!"

He ceased, and waited; and from the still throng a mutter rose; and, listening, he could hear that there were those among them who were pleased, and those who were mistrustful still, and those—the older folk—who whispered one to the other with nods and strange, bewildered glances; and his heart sank; for he had gambled the kingdom and its welfare on that one chance; and behold, he had lost.

He turned to Nanda.

"My—son," he said, and the words were bitter on his lips, "speak to our people."

Nanda smiled; and his voice rang out clear and blithe above the slowly swelling hubbub.

"People of Narshingh," he said, "look well upon me! There are those among you who, remembering my father in his youth, will see his face again in mine, and know that I speak truth, and that none is more fitted than I to be heir to the throne. For I am the son of Ghansham who was your Rajah twenty years ago; I was born when he was dead in battle and my mother a fugitive; and in token thereof, behold his sword!"

And he drew the bright blade from its scabbard, and held it aloft, and cried the words aloud that were carved thereon—"Bhavani mata ki jaya!"—and the people of Narshingh answered him in one united, full-throated shout of acclamation and joy; and rapture shone in Rujni's face; and the Rajah, sudden wonder in his fierce eyes, took him by the hand and embraced him, as a man may his own son, and drew him up to the steps of the throne.



Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thirlwell, photographed after their wedding at St. Joseph's Church last Sunday. The bride was Miss C. C. Andrade, and the groom is the son of Captain and Mrs. Thirlwell, of Taikoo. (King's Studio).



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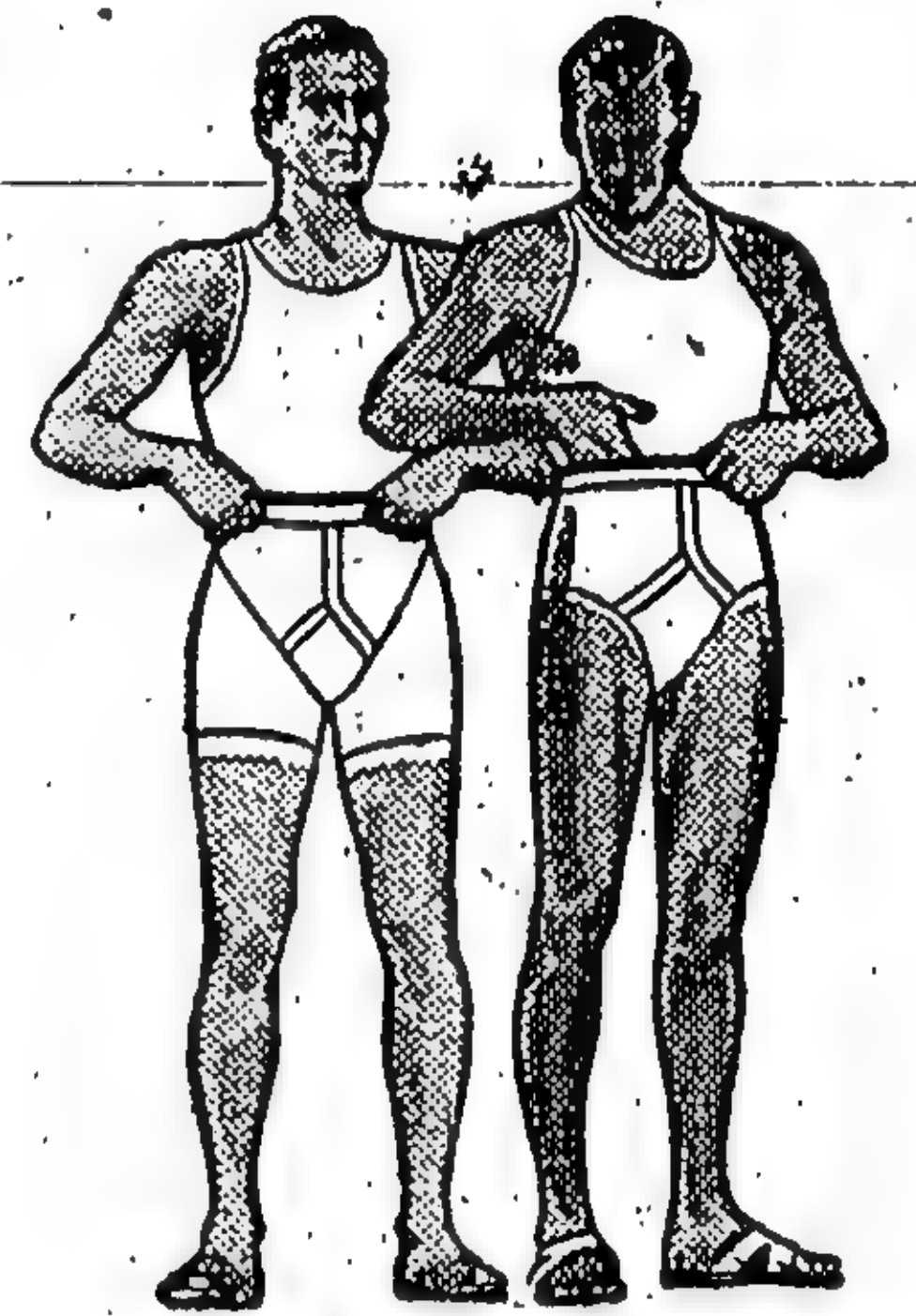
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BRITISH PRESS COMMENT

London, To-day.

THE BRITISH PRESS YESTERDAY was unanimous that two main points had come out of the debate in Commons — that the Government must be strengthened and that the country's war effort must be increased.

The press emphasises that all parties agree on this and the main problem is now best to put that into effect. There is less agreement on the best way of strengthening the Government.

The Labour "Daily Herald" held that morally and politically Mr. Chamberlain was defeated beyond hope of recovery.

Most of the other papers were less drastic, although they were unanimous in their demands for an overhaul.

"The Times" appealed to the Labour Party to rise above party matters and take a share in running the country.

The "Daily Telegraph" saw in Mr. Chamberlain's speech a possibility that he, too, was thinking on the lines that personal or other considerations should not be allowed to prevent the formation of the best government for conducting the war. It only remained for him to move promptly from the thought to the deed. As regards Norway, the Government emerged very creditably with a straightforward and complete answer to major criticisms; if members had not been prevented from giving the full facts, it is possible their case might have been stronger.

The "Manchester Guardian" said that although the result of the debate had gone abroad as an apparent victory for the Government, everyone knew that it was nothing of the kind. It was a bad story—lack of provisions, lack of preparations, indecision, slowness and fear of taking risks.

Britain had had this before. She had never fought a major war without this. But it could not be permitted in a war with an enemy like Hitler.

The "Yorkshire Post" said that a far bigger question was involved than whether this man or that man should be Prime Minister. There must be a transformation of ideas; we must fight, not with easy-going confidence, but with desperate devotion. Far from groaning under our burdens, we were asking for heavier ones.—Reuter.

SOCIAL WELFARE GRANT

The Board of Administrators of the B.F.R.D.C. have approved the following grants to the Hong Kong Refugee and Social Welfare Council—

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U.S. DROPS SILVER POLICY

Washington, To-day.

The Senate last night passed, by 45 votes to 36, legislation to end the Administration's seven-year-old policy of buying foreign silver.

Earlier the Senate rejected a proposal by Senator Key Pittman to continue purchases but to require sellers to use the proceeds from silver sales for buying United States farm products.

The Bill, which now goes to the House of Representatives, would terminate the authority for silver purchases granted to the President and Treasury under the Silver Purchase Act of 1934.—Reuter.

INTER-AMERICAN BANK PLAN

Washington, To-day.

Establishment of an Inter-American Bank, with a capital of \$100,000,000, is now virtually assured.

The required minimum six nations have filed notice that they will sign the draft convention to-day.

The nations concerned are the United States, Mexico, Columbia, Ecuador, Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic.—Reuter.

MAIZE FOR BRITAIN

Washington, To-day.

The Department of Agriculture announces the sale of 20,000,000 bushels of maize to Britain under the new export subsidy programme.

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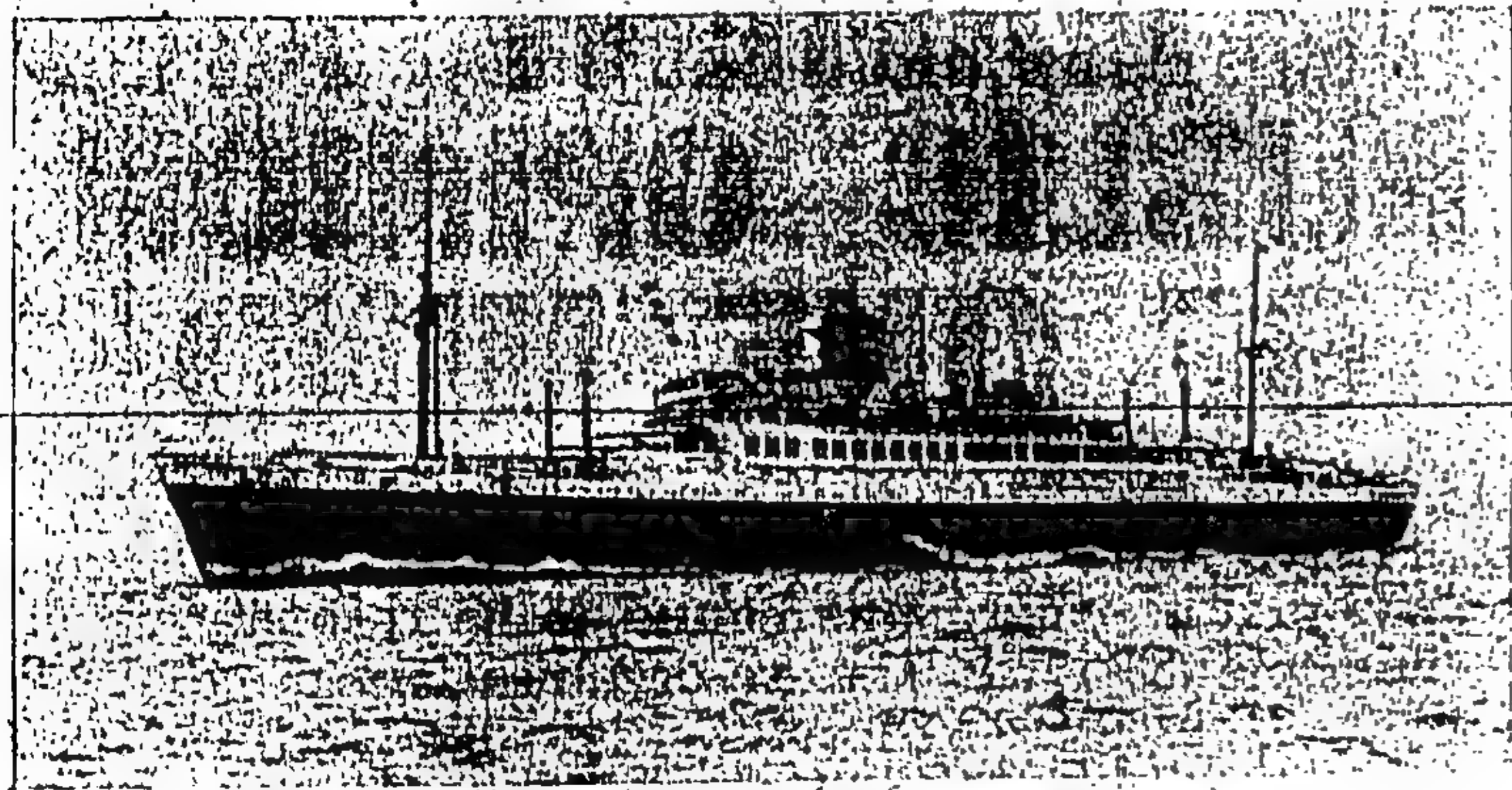
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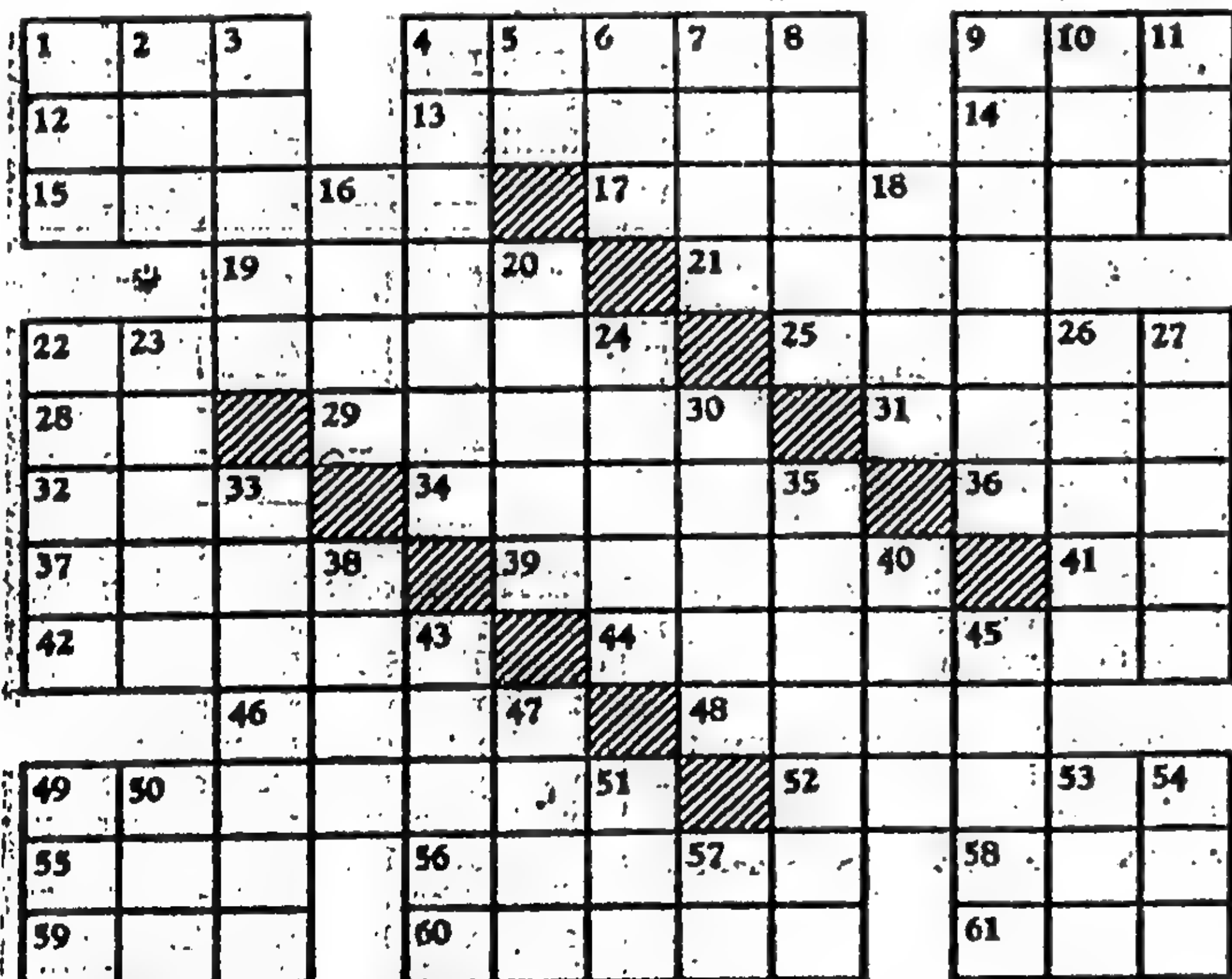
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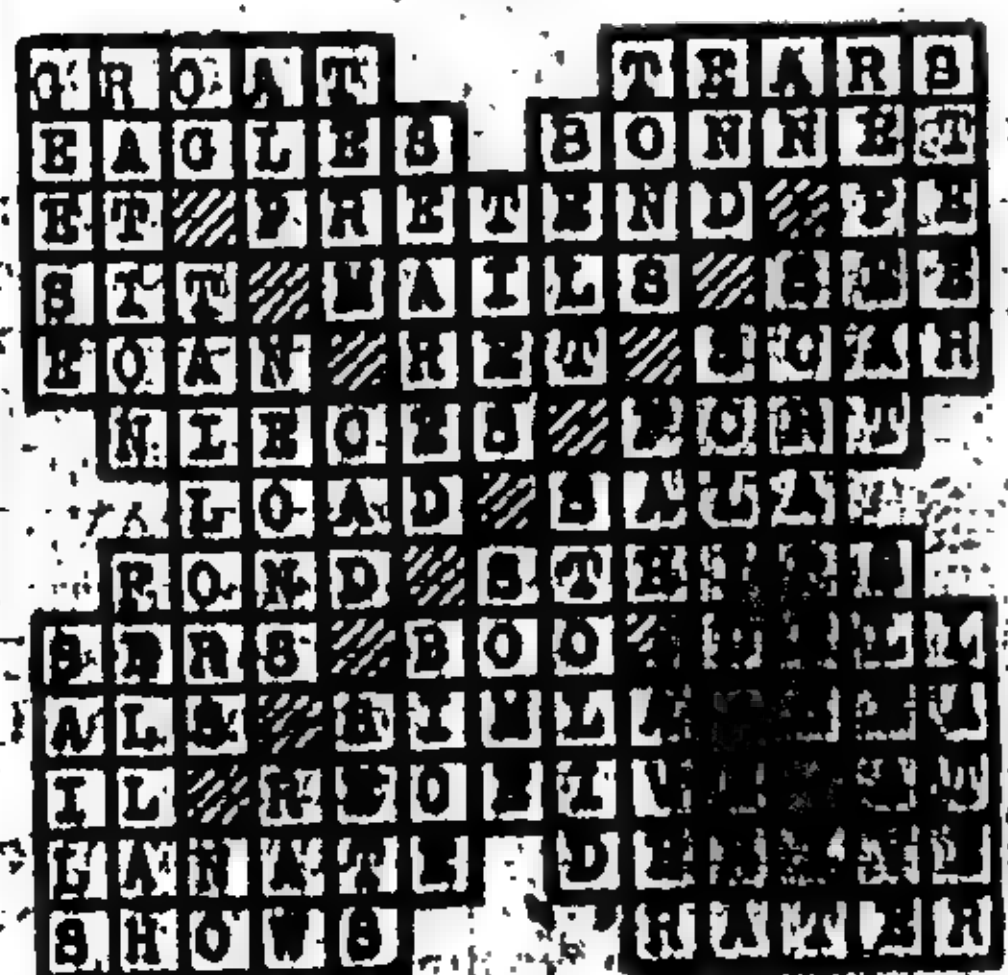
HORIZONTAL

- 1 To adjust
- 4 Abstains from food
- 9 Argument
- 12 Poem
- 13 Vegetable
- 14 Sheep
- 15 More unusual
- 17 Imprinted
- 19 To split
- 21 Bench
- 22 Participants
- 25 Uprisings
- 28 Preposition
- 29 Growing out
- 31 Black bird
- 32 Limb
- 34 Clock faces
- 36 Pagoda finial
- 37 Egyptian goddess
- 39 Journeys
- 41 Plural ending
- 42 Tables
- 44 Critics
- 46 Equaled
- 48 Man's name
- 49 To wander

VERTICAL

- 1 Favouring
- 2 Grecian mountain
- 3 The earth
- 4 To ward off
- 5 Article
- 6 To drink
- 7 Jutting rocks
- 8 To scoff
- 9 To bring back
- 10 To be obliged to
- 11 To join
- 16 European country
- 18 Mediterranean vessel
- 20 Characteristic
- 22 Dignified
- 23 Equine
- 24 To gaze
- 26 Drinker
- 27 European
- 30 To omit
- 33 Error
- 35 Football play
- 38 To pare
- 40 Portico
- 43 Kind of herb
- 45 Willow
- 47 College officer
- 49 Queen of fairies
- 50 Before
- 51 Groove
- 53 Lixivium
- 54 To observe
- 57 Earth goddess

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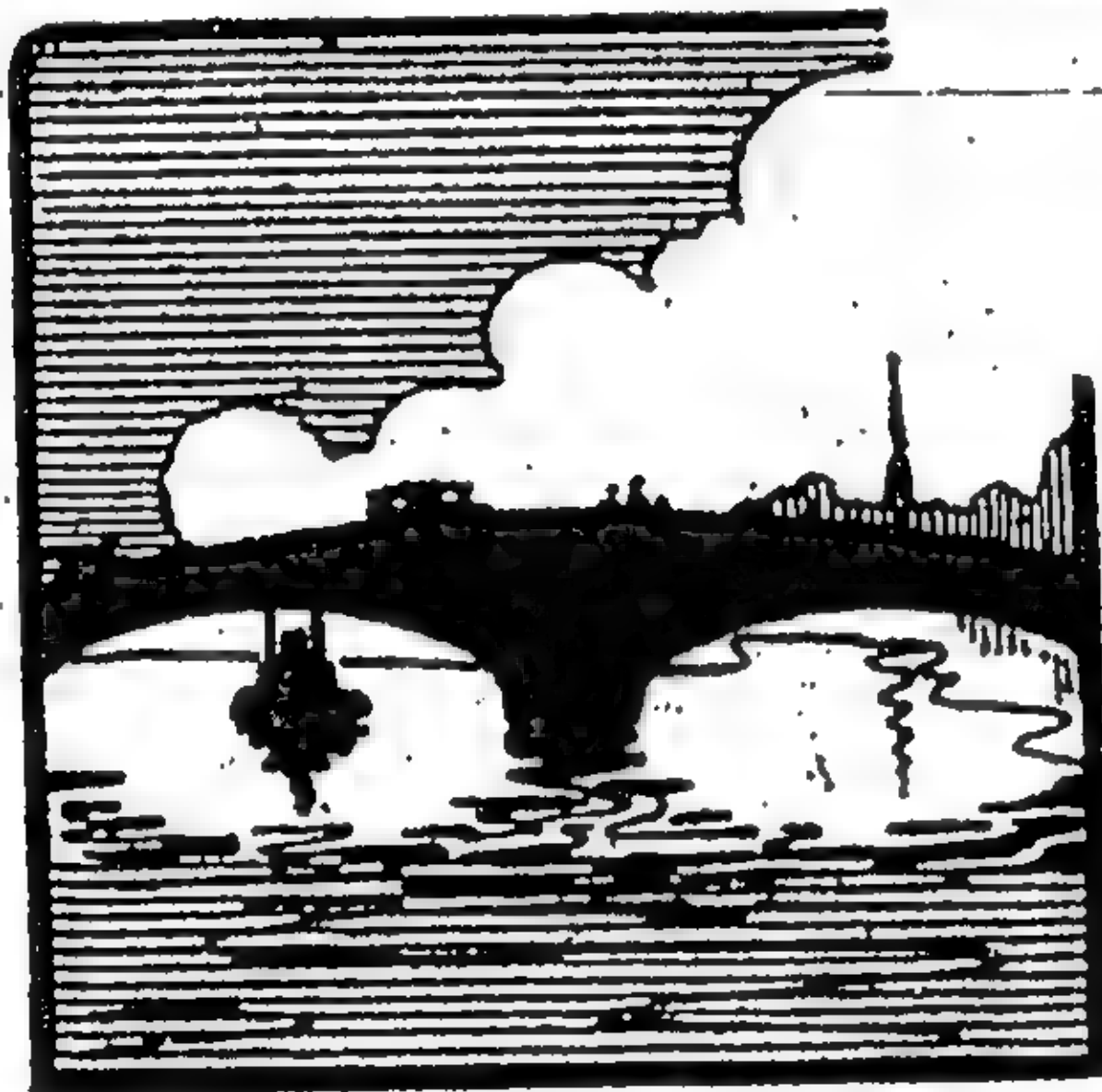
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PARLIAMENT AND PUBLIC OPINION OF ONE MIND

London, To-day.

ONE THING WAS CERTAIN as a result of the Commons' debate . . . there was bound to be reconstruction of the Cabinet with the re-organisation of the func-
tions of members in wartime, said Mr. Cyril Lakin, As-
sistant Editor of the "Sunday Times," in a broadcast
talk yesterday.

No one underestimated the shock the small majority vote
gave the Government, and although some newspapers,
in their analysis of the voting figures, presented a more
favourable picture than other papers, there was no
doubt that Parliament, Press and Public Opinion were
at one in desiring a broadening of the basis of the
Cabinet.

During the debate, the personal
issue of Mr. Chamberlain became
stronger.

Mr. Lakin felt that if Mr. Chamber-
lain found, as a result of his talks, he
could not get a sufficiently broad gov-
ernment, he would be ready to make
way for some-one else.

Lord Halifax has been mentioned as
a possible successor, and, despite some
strong remarks, there is no reason for
believing that the Opposition Leaders
would not serve under Mr. Churchill.

Cabinet re-organisation and coali-
tions are nothing unusual in war.

We had plenty of evidence of that
in the last war. The power of adaption
is the essence of a democracy waging
war. We can change leadership with-
out grave anxiety and only gain
strength as a consequence.—Reuter.

MRS. SHRIGLEY QUALIFIES FOR CAPTAIN'S CUP

Mrs. Shrigley qualified for the Cap-
tain's Cup Competition, in the Ladies'
Section of the Royal Hong Kong Golf
Club, when she returned a card of
103-30=73 over the New Course, at
Fanling, during the April qualifying
round.

In the Club Medal Competition,
Bronze Division, Mrs. Margrett on
April 2 returned the best card, 100-25
=75. There were no entries in the
Silver Division.

The Captain's Cup Competition will
be played at Happy Valley during the
months of May, June, July, August
and September. The full course is
now open at Happy Valley.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong
dollar to-day was 1/2 13/16.

Silver was quoted at 21 spot
and 20-15/16 forward.

The cross rate London/New York
was quoted at £-U.S.\$4.0250 and the
New York/London rate at £-
U.S.\$3.35.

FOUR GANGSTERS SENT TO PRISON

Four persons who were alleged to
have staged no fewer than nine house-
breakings since December and to have
stolen electric pumps from various re-
sidences were convicted by Mr. Q. A.
A. Macfadyen this morning.

Chan Yeung, 23, alleged ring lead-
er, was given nine months' hard la-
bour; Ho Sik, 30, was sentenced to a
similar term; Kwok Kam-shing, 18,
fitter, was given five months; while Ho
Sui Clauk, 20, was remanded when
he pleaded not guilty to receiving.

DEEPENING MAGINOT LINE

Paris, To-day.

The work of deepening and streng-
thening the Maginot Line has con-
tinued uninterrupted since war broke
out. To date, French engineers have
built 1,200 extra reinforced concrete
blockhouses, and used nearly 1,000,
000 tons of materials.—Reuter.

Mr. Lin Yu-tang, the famous Chin-
ese author, arrived in the Colony from
Manila this morning.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The FIFTY-NINTH ORDINARY
MEETING of Shareholders will be
held at the Offices of the undersigned
on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd May, 1940,
at Noon, for the purpose of receiv-
ing the Report of the General Agents,
together with a Statement of Ac-
counts for the year ended the 31st
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The Share Register and Transfer
Books will be CLOSED from the 8th
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THURSDAY, 30th May, 1940, at noon,
for the purpose of receiving the Re-
port of the Directors, passing the
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pany will be closed from the 23rd
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The French Convent 400-metre relay team at the South China A.A. School Sports—Yvonne Yolle, Paula Chang, Constance Lan and Miss Anderson.



Mrs. Helby and Mrs. Atkinson snapped at Macao Races.

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

There were some really interesting and well-contested matches at the Bowling alleys in the course of the week.

The first was between the "Dare Devils" and U.S.S. Black Hawk, a five-game Ten Pin match played last Thursday. The "Dare Devils" are a new combination of Ten Pin bowlers, made up of such redoubtable Ten Pin bowlers as Corp. H. Blount and Corp. J. H. Watts, of Royal Corps of Signals, Joe Harvey, of U.S.S. Asheville fame, and one old friend, D. M. Keplinger of U.S.S. Mindanao.

This game resulted in a win for "Dare Devils" by 205 pins.

H. Blount, for "Dare Devils", was easily the top scorer for the match with 913 pins or an average of 183 pins. Had he made any strike he would undoubtedly have been entitled to the two free books of tickets awarded by the management for the score of 950 in a five game match.

The second high score was made by H. R. Johnson, of "Black Hawk", who made 849 or an average of 170 pins per game.

The scoring all-round was of a fairly high standard, although it is strange that there was only one score of 200 registered, this being made by H. Blount on his second game, exactly 200.

The average per game per player for the "Dare Devils" worked out at 161 pins per player and for the "Black Hawk" 151 pins per player per game.

OFF FORM

J. H. Watts and D. M. Keplinger, for the "Dare Devils," were much below their usual form, the former player only making 741 and the latter 763. It is worthy of note that both players very rarely bowl much below 800 at any time.

If Farmer or Netter, for the "Black Hawk", had bowled just a little better there would have been much closer finish. However, I would like to see the "Black Hawk" in action in the near future again.

The much discussed match between the Champs and the Chief Petty Officers of U.S.S. Asheville came off last Friday and resulted in a win for the Champs by 299 pins. Individual scores were as follows:—

CHAMPS	ASHEVILLE C.P.O.'s
Ernie Hearther... 837	G. S. Edwards... 767
Dick Venezia... 790	J. C. Summers... 738
Chas Miller... 781	G. C. Merkel... 692
Doc Molthen... 745	E. L. Wood... 687

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Again in this match there was only one score of 200, which was notched by Chas. Miller for the Champs; he managed to make exactly 200 on his second game.

Ernie Hearther was top scorer with 837 to his credit or an average of 167 pins per game, and no other player reached 800.

The feature of this match was the un-

precedented number of bad "splits" lift up for all players, there being no fewer than 64 "splits" throughout the match.

Ten Pin bowlers will agree with me that to get "split" after "split" is very disheartening, not to say discouraging, and it could at once be seen that this extraordinary bad run of "splits" was making itself felt on the players, as can be seen by the low scores made; however, the match was a very cheerful one, and I am sure every bowler went out for all he could get, irrespective of the bad loss.

WATTS WINS AGAIN

Last Friday Corp. J. H. Watts, Royal Signals, played Gunner G. Hanley in the Singles Handicap Competition; the handicap for Cpl. Watts was plus 20, and plus 40 in the case of Gunner Hanley. Thus Watts was conceding 20 pins per game or 60 pins for the three games played.

This match resulted in a win for Cpl. Watts by 29 pins only. The individual scores being as follows:—

Cpl. J. H. Watts (plus 20) 182, 129, 148	457
Gnr. G. Hanley (plus 40) 130, 116, 123	428

I was rather surprised that Cpl. Watts did not do much better than he did; no-one can say he suffers from stage fright. In the case of Gunner Hanley there is little doubt (Continued on Page 22)

BETTER SENTIMENT ON STOCK MARKET

London, To-day. Kaffirs maintained a good disposition on the Stock Exchange yesterday and movements again favoured holders. In other directions a better sentiment prevailed after initial dullness. Gilt-edged securities met renewed support while the recent sagging of industrials was checked by some bear covering. Brazilian bonds weakened but other foreign issues were mainly steady. Rubber shares were helped by good dividend announcements.

Wall Street was firm.—Reuter.

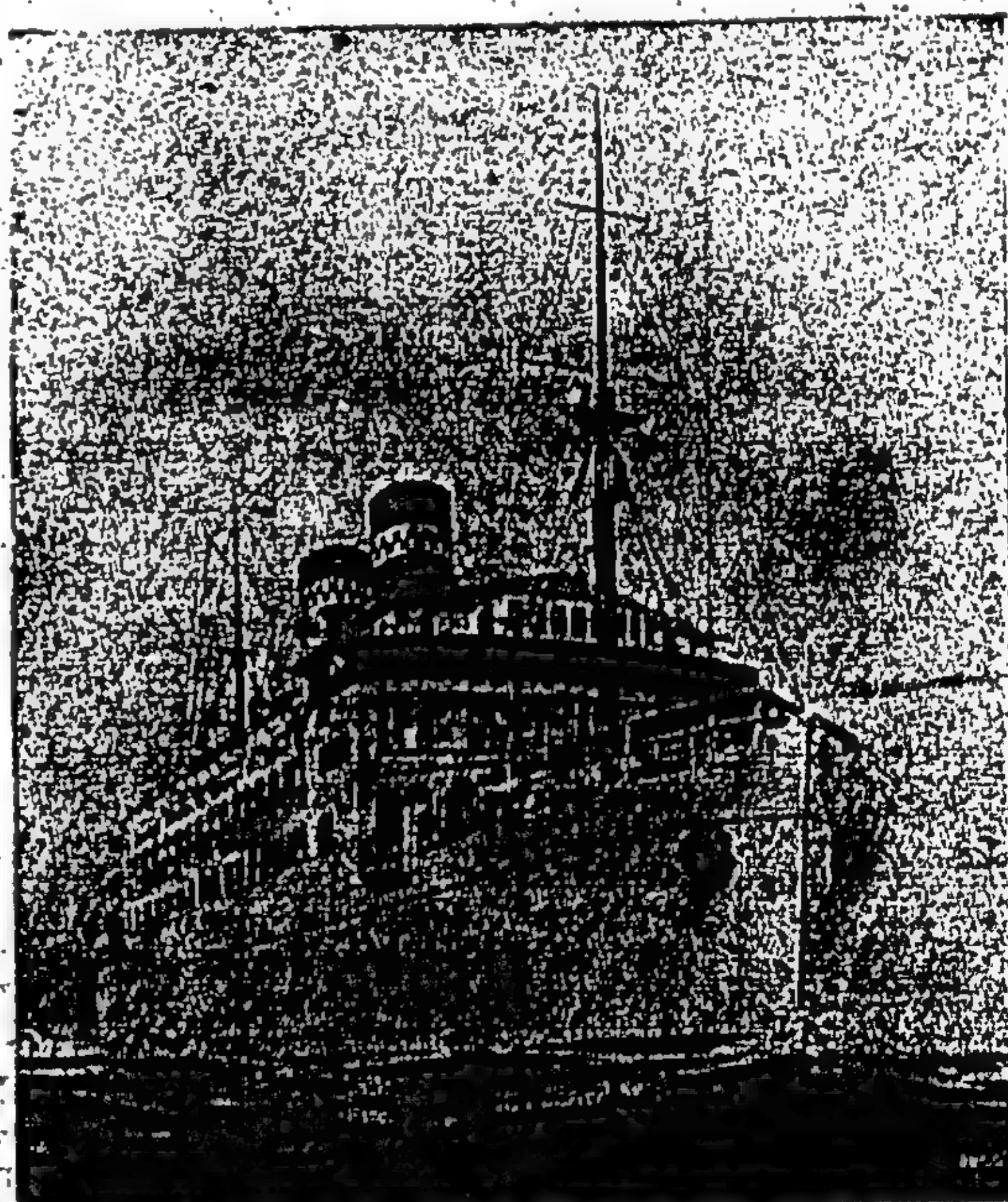
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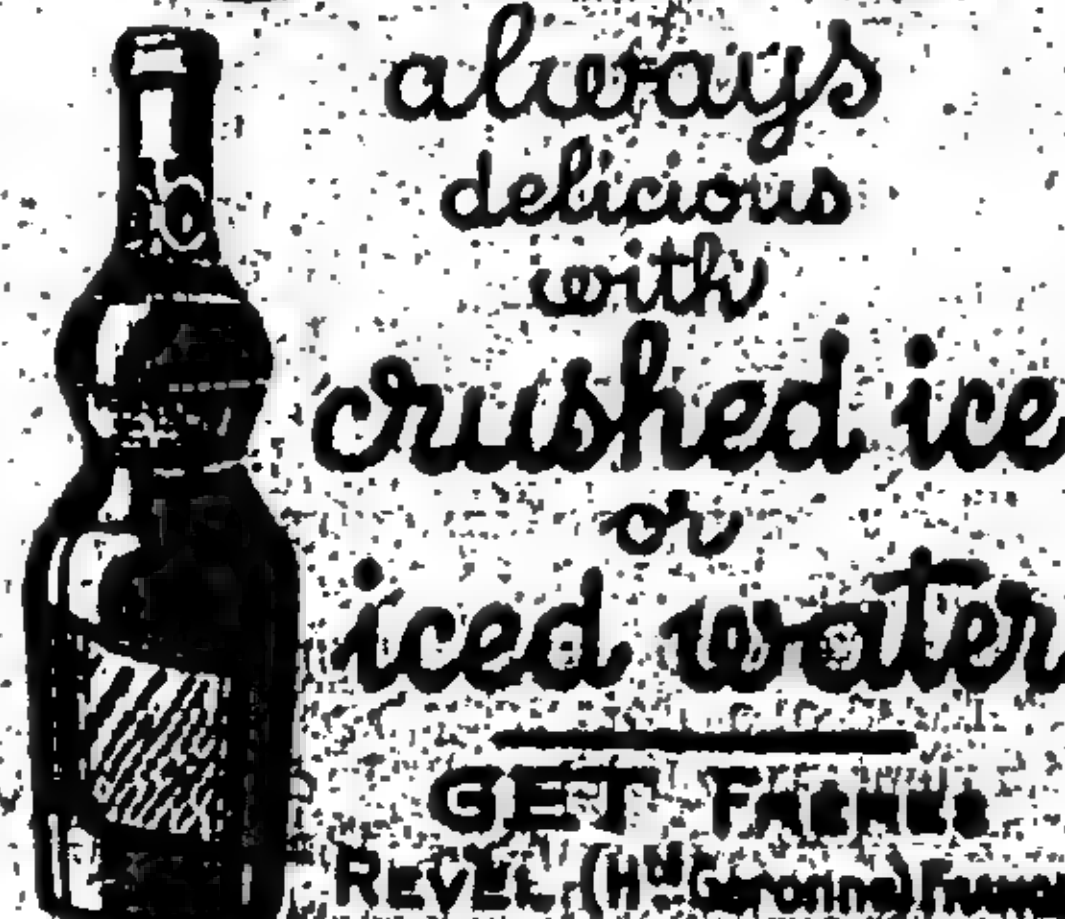
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K.C.C.	v C.S.C.C.
I.R.C.	v C.C.C.
H.K.C.C.	v S. China.
WEDNESDAY	
"C" Division	
A.T.C.	v Recreio "A"
K.T.G.C.A.	v C.R.C.
K.I.T.C.	v C.B.A.
K.C.C.	v H.K.U.T.C.
Jewish R.C.	v H.K.P.S.A.
Recreio "B"	v S. China.
THURSDAY	
"D" Division	
G.R.C. "A"	v Filipino Club
S.C.A.A.	v C.B.A.
K.I.T.C.	v C.C.C.
K.C.C.	v C.R.C. "B"
FRIDAY	
Mixed Doubles	
C.R.C.	v K.C.C. "B"
H.K.U.T.C.	v U.S.R.C.
K.C.C. "A"	v H.K.C.C.

REGISTERED PLAYERS

Following are the players registered by the clubs in accordance with the rule passed last year:—

Club	Division	Names
A.T.C.	B.	Col. L. A. Newnham, Lt. Col. J. F. Smith, Capt. L. J. C. Loch, Capt. C. H. R. Hyde, G. H. Fowler, S. A. Fowler, J. Sloan, D. T. Smith.
C.B.A.	C.	W. J. Howard, G. Lal, R. Choa, J. W. Leonard, A. V. Remedios, A. V. Gosano, H. A. Barros, J. B. Gonsalves, M. A. Olivero, L. A. Carvalho, B. T. Gosano, L. F. V. Ribeiro, Paul Kong, Tsui Wai-pui, Tsui Yun-pui, W. C. Hung.
C.C.C.	B.	Ng Kam-chuen, Tsoi Ping-fan, F. H. Kwok, Liang Sai-wah.
C.D.R.	A.	Pang Ol-lam, Ma Wai-kwong, Lau Fok-ki, Leung Bing-chui, L. Goldman, T. A. Pearce, M. Pagh, D. M. McDougall.
C.D.R.	B.	S. Wong, T. T. Lim, G. Choa, S. H. Ling, S. A. Rurnjahn, H. D. Rurnjahn, A. R. Minu, I. M. A. Razack, M. O. Hoosen, A. R. Kitchell, A. Manan, Rurnjahn, D. M. A. Razack.
C.R.C.	A.	E. C. Fincher, E. F. Fincher, A. E. P. Guest, G. C. Burnett, N. A. E. Mackay, F. Grose, D. J. N. Anderson, R. J. Broadbridge, A. L. Fisher, J. L. Anderson, P. Wynter-Blyth, D. Hung, S. A. Hussain, S. S. Hussain, Firdos Khan, Dr. H. Mahan Singh, T. E. Ling, F. Kwok, P. Chen, B. P. C. Fletcher.
C.R.C.	B.	A. Chan, J. Hsu, Liu Kwai-fan, Wong Fuk-nam.
H.K.C.C.	A.	Dew Chok-him, Ip Koon-hung, Lee Wai-tsoi, Ho Wai-hing.
H.K.U.T.C.	A.	Leung Ting-kau, Ho Hin-kan, Lau Ching-lin, Kwok Hing-chung.
I.R.C.	A.	
I.R.C.	B.	
K.C.C.	A.	
K.C.C.	B.	
K.C.C.	C.	
K.I.T.C.	C.	
K.T.G.C.A.	B.	
S.C.A.A.	A.	
S.C.A.A.	B.	
S.C.A.A.	C.	

C.S.C.C. TEAM

Since writing the foregoing, I have learned that the Civil Service team for their first match will be I. Agafuroff and B. Agafuroff; J. A. Bendall and W. J. Skinner; D. Hollidge and A. N. Other.

All the above, with the exception of Dickie Hollidge, are seasoned League players and the side should do well against K.C.C. on Tuesday.

ARMY EXPECTED TO OFFER CHALLENGE FOR THE TITLE

By "ADREM"

MONDAY BEING A HOLIDAY, the Lawn Tennis League for 1940 starts on Tuesday with a full programme of "B" Division matches, and continues throughout the week in the same order as last year.

For the benefit of those who were not here during the 1939 season, these are the days on which the various divisions of the League are played:—

Monday — "A" Division.
Tuesday — "B" Division.
Wednesday — "C" Division.
Thursday — "D" Division.
Friday — Mixed Division.

In the event of rain causing a postponement of part or all of a block of fixtures, these are automatically played, in order of postponement, on the conclusion of each schedule of fixtures.

The L. T. A. handbook is now in the hands of the printers and copies will be available for distribution at all clubs participating. In this handbook will be fixtures and all other necessary information, such as location of grounds and the men in charge of the various teams.

"B" DIVISION OPEN

Whereas a preliminary survey of the "A" and Mixed Divisions has revealed the overwhelming paper-superiority of Chinese Recreation Club, "B" Division, as last year, promises to be far more open, with interest maintained in the ultimate outcome until late in the season.

The holders are South China, who had to fight hard against such teams as Chinese Recreation Club and Kowloon Cricket Club in the course of last season.

Most of their championship team is available and, as the first string is again likely to be veteran Dr. C. H. Dew and the hard-hitting W. T. Lee, they should not have much difficulty in taking at least three sets in each of their matches, irrespective of how the other members of the team get on. Other players are likely to be K. H. Ip, K. H. Lee, W. H. Ho, H. K. Ho and F. N. Wong, a formidable aggregation which should at least finish in the first three.

EXPERIENCED ARMY PLAYERS

Not entered in "B" Division last year, I expect Army Tennis Club to have something to say in the ultimate destination of the League shield. Their four registered players, all experienced form the nucleus of a team that should be difficult to beat. Of these Col. Newnham, Capt. Loch and Capt. Hyde have all played in a good class of local tennis, while Col. Smith, although I have not seen him in action, is reported to be sound.

Craigengower, with the same players who have represented them for years, should be steady enough but I cannot see them winning the title. A big loss to them is young George Choa, who is now an undergraduate at University, for whom he has been registered in "A" Division.

It has not been decided how the team will line up but Howard will probably pair off with left-handed George Lal, Robert Choa with Ernie Zimmern, and Joe Leonard possibly with Francis Zimmern, provided the latter decides to play.

Kowloon Cricket Club, although they will not have A. V. White, B. Soltau and W. M. Gittins, of their team of last year, have no lack of talent and should again do well.

First pair will be Frank Grose and D. J. N. Anderson, who give promise of developing into a powerful combination. Other players from whom they have to choose are F. Kengelbacker, R. T. Broadbridge, G. A. White, R. S. Capell, A. Zulauf and N. A. E. Mackay. Broadbridge played in the "A" for the greater part of last season and on occasion can be brilliant. He is, however, rather prone to be erratic.

Kengelbacker is a former "B" Division player, who has been out of the Colony for some years. He is said to have shown improvement and should find a place in the team. It has not yet been decided how the team will line up but from the above players they should not have much difficulty in fielding three well-balanced pairs.

B. T. GOSANO BACK

Recreio have much the same team and will again have to rely on their old brigade. They are fortunate, however, in having Bertie Gosano, who was in Swatow last season, and, as this player has been able to get in a lot of practice in the coast port, he should strengthen the team somewhat.

In addition to Gosano, Recreio have registered M. A. Oliveira, L. A. Carvalho and L. F. V. Ribeiro, four good players on which to build, any team.

Having regard to the material at their disposal, I am rather surprised that Chinese Recreation Club have not promoted some of their more youthful players from the "C" and "D" teams. Actually the "B" team will again include the veterans, Ng Kam-chuen, Tsoi Ping-fan, S. W. Liang and F. H. Kwok, useful enough but hardly likely to upset the South China appellation.

I. R. C. have registered M. O. Hoosen, A. R. Kitchell, A. Manan and D. M. A. Razack and should do moderately well.

Civil Service and Hong Kong Cricket Club have not yet decided on their players and will not make their selections until further trials have been held. The former team have no new talent that I know of but Cricket Club have a great many players on whom to call and should be able to turn out a useful, if not brilliant side.

K. TONG MODERATE

Kowloon Tong have entered for this division this year after having confined their activity hitherto to "C" and "D" Divisions. It is noteworthy that their captain is Peter Fletcher, who played in "D" last year, while his partner of last season, Percy Chen, has also been registered in "B".

Their best man appears to be T. E. Ling, an ideal doubles player with strong service and crisp volley, but as they are not very well served for the last two places, I don't expect them to finish higher than about the middle of the table.

All in all the teams are fairly well matched and a most enjoyable season appears to be assured.

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

(Continued from Page 21)

that he was too conscious of the fact that he was playing a match. Normally he can do infinitely better than this.

On the same day there was another match in the first round of the Singles Handicap Competition, it being between L/Cpl. A. W. Devonshire of the Middlesex Regiment and S. A. Ismail.

Devonshire's handicap was plus 30 and S. A. Ismail plus 26. Devonshire won by 52 pins on this occasion, the individual scores being: Cpl. Devonshire (plus 30) 538; S. A. Ismail (plus 26) 490.

Last Saturday, the Dare Devils again played the Black Hawk in a return match, the Dare Devils having won the first rubber on May 2 by 205 pins.

Again on this occasion the Dare Devils won, on this occasion by 272 pins.

J. H. Watts was top scorer with 866 to his credit, or an average of 173 pins per game, and he was followed very closely by F. C. Major of the Black Hawk, who notched 840 for his team or an average of 170. There were only two 200 scores registered throughout this match, W. R. Johnson bagging 210 on his fifth game, and J. H. Watts 206 on his fourth game.

The average per game per player worked out at for the Dare Devils at 161 pins, and for the Black Hawk 147 pins.

WINNING VEIN

The Dare Devils still kept in a winning vein when they played the Chief Petty Officers of the U.S.S. Asheville on May 7, the Dare Devils winning on this occasion by no less than 477 pins, the individual scores being as follows:—

DARE DEVILS		ASHEVILLE C.P.O.'s	
J. H. Watts	895	J. C. Summers	745
H. Blount	798	G. C. Merkel	727
Joe Harvey	796	E. L. Wood	677
D. M. Keplinger	794	C. S. Edwards	657

J. H. Watts, as usual, was top scorer with 895 to his credit, or an average of 179 pins, the second top score being made by H. Blount, who bagged 798 or an average of 160 pins per game.

In this match there were only two scores of 200 made, both by Watts. Actually the average score per player per game worked out for the Dare Devils at 164 pins, and 140 pins each for Asheville C.P.O.'s.

The highest score for the U.S.S. Asheville C.P.O.'s was registered by J. C. Summers who made 745 for his five games.

There was no doubt of the superiority of the Dare Devils who proved themselves to be a much better bowling side than the Asheville C.P.O.'s.

The highest scores for the month up to writing these jottings are as follows:—

TEN PINS	
LADIES' Miss Nancy Ng	180
MEN'S J. H. Watts & H. Blount (Tie)	223
DUCK PINS	
LADIES' Mrs. E. Soong	130
MEN'S H. Blount	138



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Scenic View & Roofly For The Double

MR. H. S. CHANG, FROM HANKOW, TO RIDE FOR S. W. LEE STABLE

(By "RAPIER")

THE FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING, under the auspices of Hong Kong Jockey Club, will spread over two days and will mark the penultimate stage of racing at the Valley prior to the summer recess.

Nine events are down for decision to-morrow, with no change in the time of starting, but for Monday there will be 11 races and the first bell will be rung at noon, with the tiffin interval after the second race.

The principal event to-morrow, is the Whitsun Handicap which will be contested over the mile by Australian ponies of this season, whereas on Monday the Whitsun Plate will be the main attraction. This is also a handicap event but confined to China ponies, with "A" Class ponies that have won \$5,000 or more in stakes since January, 1940, barred.

For to-morrow we have a new arrival from Hankow in the person of Mr. H. S. Chang, an experienced jockey, who will ride for Mr. S. W. Lee's stable.

RACE NO. 1. LEAD MINE HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): 1½ MILES

The opening event to-morrow is confined to first section "C" Class China ponies which will be ridden by novice jockeys over the Derby distance. This is the first long distance race for the red letter jockeys and a good race is expected.

Advancing Time (Mr. Ho Hong-ping), for its win in the Fatshan Handicap (Second Section), will be competing against first section ponies and, as it is a free-moving animal and will have a jockey who has won on it before, I think it has a good chance of winning.

Galveston Bay, which came in second to Just In Time in the first section of the Fatshan Handicap, will be in the capable hands of Mr. Treverton, who requires one more win to graduate from the Novice Class. As this pony is pretty difficult to ride, however, I doubt whether Mr. Treverton will do very well here.

Boolett Bay (Mr. S. W. Lee), which was third to Galveston Bay in the above race, losing by a short head, will probably do better to-morrow as Mr. Lee won a race last year on this pony, only to be disqualified by the Stewards for boring out.

Musketeer (Mr. Chiu Ki-fan) is the only pony here capable of giving Advancing Time a fight as it is also a free-mover. There is also Rose Evelyn (Mr. Coppin) to be reckoned with; as it has regained some of its old form. It should be near at the finish.

Mr. R. M. Wood has the choice of either Eve of Dancing or Gladiator for this race, and whichever he takes out will be dangerous.

RACE NO. 2. WARWICK FARM HANDICAP: 1¼ MILES

This race is confined to Australian ponies of this season, winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes barred. It has attracted only seven entries, and, judging from past performances, I don't think we need look further than Rowan (Mr. Hearne), which came in second to Fair Chance in the Canterbury Park Handicap at the last meeting, to win. Shuttlecock, winner of the St. Kilda Handicap at the Third Extra Meeting, may not participate in this event, as I believe it has a better opportunity of winning the ninth race.

Maple Star (Mr. Tao) has had its weight reduced 10 lbs. and, although I cannot see it winning, it should place.

Catterick Bridge (Mr. Needa) ran disappointingly on its last outing, but it has been improving lately and should not be neglected.

Springhurst (Mr. Poy) has been allotted top-weight of 165 lbs. but, although it won the Sydney Handicap at the Second Extra Meeting, I am afraid it will find the distance and weight rather more than it can handle.

RACE NO. 3. STONECUTTERS HANDICAP: 1¼ MILES

China ponies, griffins of this season that have not won more than \$1,000 in stakes, will figure in this race, in which I expect to see the finish fought out between the following ponies:—

Eve of Reason (Mr. Black).

Gay Star (Mr. Hearne).

Hughbar (Mr. Chao).

Hillsboro Bay (Mr. Needa).

Eve of Reason came in third in the St. George's Plate over 1¼ miles at the last meeting, and a win is indicated here. It will, however, have to beat Hughbar, which did extremely well in the Kellet Handicap, when it was beaten into second place by Gay Star by half a length.

Gay Star also dead-heated with Eve of Folly for third position in the Mount Gough Handicap, when carrying 168 lbs., and, as its weight remains the same to-morrow, it may find the 1¼ miles distance a bit too long.

There is also Hillsboro Bay, a game little pony, which, if it keeps up in the early stages of the race, may yet spring a surprise.

RACE NO. 4. WHITSUN HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This is the main event of the afternoon and, with the best of this year's Australian ponies taking part, it should provide grand entertainment and a spirited struggle.

Sapper, conqueror of Far View in the Albury Handicap at the Second Extra Meeting over the two mile post distance, has been penalised 3 lb. and, as it will be ridden by Mr. Black instead of Mr. Davis, who is riding his own pony in this race, it will command strong support in the betting.

Good as Sapper is, however, I am still of the opinion that it is not good enough to win over the mile.

Far View (Mr. Pih) has again been allotted top-weight of 165 lbs. and, as the distance is more suitable to this pony, I think it will turn the tables on Sapper on this occasion. To-morrow, however, it will be conceding a good deal of handicap to other more dangerous contenders, and in some instances this amounts to more than 20 lbs.

Australian Diamond (Mr. Wei), which came in third in the Brisbane Spring Handicap at the Third Extra Meeting, is dangerous at 145 lbs., and an upset in this direction is quite possible.

Then there is Contact (Mr. Davis), which won the first section of the Perth Plate at the Annual Meeting, to be reckoned with, as this pony, although it has not started since its last win, is at the moment very fit and should not be entirely neglected.

Vanity Fair (Mr. Ip Kui-ying) should also be in the running if it can produce the same form which won it the Randwick Plate at the First Extra Meeting.

RACE NO. 5. LEAD MINE HANDICAP: (SECOND SECTION): 1½ MILES

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double" and will be contested by second section "C" Class China ponies, which will again be ridden by our novice jockeys. Judging from the fact that it placed second to Advancing Time in the Fatshan Handicap (Second Section) at the Third Extra Meeting, Scenic View (Mr. H. A. de Botelho) is the likeliest winner, while Soldier of Britain, which was a neck behind Scenic View in the above race, should be again prominent at the finish owing to its easy running; if allowed to take a big lead it will probably be hard to over-haul.

In view of Celtic Star's dismal failure in the above race, many will be chary of backing this pony. If Mr. Hoo Pak-ming can keep up with Scenic View and Soldier of Britain in the early stages, however, it may redeem its previous failure. Clowner (Mr. Chattey) with only 140 lbs. to carry, is good enough to win as it is capable of lasting the full distance, and Strathbannock is another contender which should not be disregarded.

Eve of Hunting (Mr. Wood), although not having done anything of note as yet, is quite good over this distance in training and may have a say at the finish.

RACE NO. 6. SHATIN HANDICAP: (FIRST SECTION): ABOUT HALF MILE, 170 YARDS

This is only a sprint event and will be contested by first section "D" Class China ponies. Over this short distance the best thing to do is to look for sprinters.

Sunlight View (Mr. Pih) is long overdue for a win, and I think its chances for to-morrow are rather bright.

Mr. Wei has two ponies in Smiling Time, winner of the "Hunchbacks" Handicap, and This Time, its stablemate, to choose from, and as the former has been penalised 12 lbs., he will probably take out the latter, which is a much better pony over this distance. If it does not win it should at least place.

Wilber (Mr. Chao), which was second to Smiling Time in the "Hunchbacks" Handicap over six furlongs, should be well up at the finish owing to the shorter distance, while Willynilly (Mr. Yuen) and Portrush (Mr. H. S. Chang), which failed so badly at the last meeting under Messrs. Sung and Needa, may make amends to-morrow. I think the former is worth following if the course is dry.

RACE NO. 7. BONDI HANDICAP: 1½ MILES

The second leg of the "Daily Double" will be decided by "C" Class Australian ponies.

Roofly (Mr. Davis) has been penalised 4 lb. for coming in second in the Koala Handicap, but with Franklin, the winner, not competing, I think it should just about do the trick if it can last out the distance. Serious opposition may come from Centre Court (Mr. Sung), which ran unplaced in the above race and has since had its weight reduced by 10 lb. It will therefore receive 7 lb. from Roofly instead of giving 10 lb., as was the case at the last meeting.

Twilight Star (Mr. Hearne), which was three lengths behind Roofly, has had its weight reduced 3 lb. and, as the distance is longer to-morrow, it should do better than before. Over this distance Ruby Star (Mr. Pan) certainly looks dangerous with only 135 lb. to carry, and it may have a say at the finish. Snowy River (Mr. Liang) has fallen off considerably lately, but, on form, will have to be reckoned with.

RACE NO. 8. SHATIN HANDICAP: (SECOND SECTION): ABOUT HALF MILE 170 YARDS

This is another sprint affair with second section "D" Class ponies participating. March Brown, for its win the Taimoshan Handicap over six furlongs at the last meeting, has been promoted to a class higher and has an additional 10 lb. to carry. It will again be ridden by Mr. Treverton, who, if still a novice rider in this race, will have 5 lb. allowance and will thus carry 156 lb. instead of 161.

This pony ran very convincingly when carrying 151 lb. at the last Meeting and, on that showing, I am inclined to believe that it is capable of winning with the extra weight.

Palmer, if taken out by Mr. Wei, should be very close at the finish as it is a fast mover and can be depended on to make a good fight of it. Golden Cow (Mr. C. F. Chiu) has disappointed on so many occasions lately that I am afraid to nominate it for a win. Talkative (Mr. Sung) is a fast-moving pony and should be worth a \$5 bet each way, and Valorous, with 140 lb. to carry, will be ridden by Mr. Hearne; this combination should not be neglected.

RACE NO. 9. SPENCER HANDICAP: FROM THE TWO MILE POST ONCE ROUND AND IN.

This event will conclude the first day of the meeting and will be contested by "D" Class Australian ponies. Shuttlecock (Mr. Hearne) and Income Tax (Mr. Liang) have both been given 160 lb. to carry. Shuttlecock won the St. Kilda Handicap over the mile at the Third Extra Meeting and should have no difficulty in winning this race.

Only serious opposition is likely to come from Income Tax (Mr. Liang), which was third to this pony in the above race, and as the distance is slightly longer it may reverse the former result. Brown Derby (Mr. Black) should also be considered as it has been very lightly treated. Dick Turpin (Mr. Chao) is another good pony to bear in mind.

For those who are on the look out for an outsider, I suggest Colorado Star (Mr. Davis). It is carrying only 137 lb.

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EXCEPT for the junior cricket play-off and an odd soccer match or two, the winter sports season has now drawn to a conclusion.

In the course of the last fortnight there has been the wind-up of badminton, the finish of the annual tennis tournament and the official closing of the football and cricket seasons, not to mention the usual spate of annual athletic meetings.

Last week, as far as local tennis is concerned, will probably go down in history as the most remarkable ever seen in the Colony tennis tournament. Not content with beating Tsui Wai-pui in the singles final, S. A. Rumjahn went on to win the doubles title, in partnership with his cousin, to stage a comeback not likely, if ever, to be emulated.

I will not enlarge further on Sirdar's excellent form in his last two matches—he has received sufficient praise already. He must be one of the most satisfied sportsmen in Hong Kong at the moment!

The Tennis League will be in full swing next week and clubs have been busily engaged in building their teams. As general prospects and all the statistics which could be gathered will appear in another part of to-day's

SPORTS PARADE

paper, I will not touch further on the subject.

THE Colony's Interport soccer team, now in Indo-China, has so far played two matches, both of which they won. The big test—the Interport— took place yesterday and some time to-day we should know whether our representatives have upheld our fine record in this sphere for the season. We lost to Shanghai, admittedly, but the team sent up north was far from representative, and we expected no other result.

Our successes have been against Saigon, in Hong Kong, and Macao, while individual touring teams have also done well. A victory over Saigon in the return match is all that is required to make this season just concluded, one of the most successful ever.

The Colony were thoroughly tested on Monday in their match against Cambodia. They led 3-1 at the interval but the locals rallied gallantly and piled on three goals to lead 4-3.

Pryde scored the equaliser, however, and evergreen Fung King-Cheong netted the goal which decided the match. It is noteworthy that all Hong Kong's goals were scored by Fung and Pryde, a nice blending of youth and experience.

On Tuesday, we fielded a somewhat weaker team against Saigon "B" but this proved sufficient to trounce the home team by 7-1, Wong King-cheung, Fung King-cheong, Lau Tau-man and Fox (4) netting. Our staff correspondent with the team cabled that Fox led the line skillfully and proved an excellent opportunist.

THERE is little doubt that the athletic meeting organised by South China Athletic Association, was a great success and, judging by the excellent performances returned, there is little wrong with Colony athletics except lack of opportunity.

I would here reiterate my remarks of last week apropos South China organising Colony championships which, I feel, would receive even better sup-

port if foreign organisations and competitors were catered for to a greater extent. Admittedly the meeting was essentially for schools, and the majority of competitors were Chinese, but I have little doubt that greater support would have been forthcoming from the foreign element had there been more publicity, and due notice given them.

In any event, congratulations to South China for their organising ability and enterprise.

Before passing from athletics, I might mention that Kwong Wah Athletic Association have in mind the laying of a running track on their new ground, provided that Government do not turn down their application. Recent events have made it obvious that there is a demand for athletic meetings in the Colony and it only requires their organisation to ensure their success.

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WAN KEE-HING, who won all four events for which he entered at the South China sports.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS

(By "SKIP")

LAST season I commenced my notes with what might have been called a grouse. So this year I will be more moderate and offer one or two constructive criticisms.

The question of time limits for post-ponements, still, I think, needs some consideration. One club last Saturday for instance, postponed their game long before noon, yet a number of the members were actually playing on their green during the afternoon.

SHOES AGAIN

SEVERAL players were noticed playing in white shoes and I think an official warning might be made on this subject. Brown shoes must be worn during all games played under the auspices of the Association.

WHO TO 'PHONE

ANOTHER point is that players should realise that it is their individual responsibility to find out from the home club whether the match is on or off. Some players, due to play away, phone their own club instead of the club on which the match is to be played.

Last Saturday was an excellent example of the vagaries of our climate and of the different drying propensities of our greens. For all the Kowloon matches were played, whilst of three scheduled for Happy Valley, two were played and one cancelled, as were the rest of the Island games.

ON MARKING CARDS

AND finally, an appeal to the number twos to take more care in the marking of the cards. In the first place, the names of the home team should always be put on the left: initials should always be filled in, a task which takes only a minute of two more. Then again it is helpful to the press to "stagger" the head scores instead of placing each number immediately below the other, which results in a congestion in some cases.

SECOND DIVISION

TOM CARR PROVIDES 'FIREWORKS'

By "SKIP"

Taikoo were never in any danger of defeat in the game at Craigengower, although the home team just about held its own after being some 20 shots or so down at the—solid—refreshment stages.

Alf Lewis and Donald Munro had an even game for 10 heads but then the Taikoo men got a five and four in succession and never looked back.

After having a clear lead of nine in the first five ends and being 10 up at tea time, Tom Stainton had a lean period and Doc Karanjia very nearly caught up to him but the issue was safely settled with a four at the last end to give the Taikoo men a seven-shot victory.

On the end rink, Dick Keown, back after a season's absence on leave, and Bill Way had an epic struggle before the visitor won by a singleton.

LEAD ALTERNATES

In a low-scoring game the lead changed sides four times. Both skips played up to form in this game whilst Jim Watson proved very useful as three to the visitor.

K.C.C. juniors, newly promoted, gave the Civil Servants a severe beating, whereas at one stage of the game the reverse appeared to be on the cards. At the eighth head the Valley men had a lead of 10 shots, which is pretty hopeful for a visiting team, but the next head proved the turning point, for Tommy Carr got a count of six and the other two rinks negated the deficit! Fireworks! Carr followed with a nap hand and eventually piled up 19 in six heads without reply, to ultimately win by 17. Ted Ramsey played a great game as three to Carr and quite overshadowed Johnny Purvis, who seemed to be rather lackadaisical.

There was a weighty duel on the other rink, where Bob Marks, thanks to a three at the last end, overcame Eccleshall after trailing most of the way.

At Kowloon Tong, Jock Harrower's four had a big win over Kew. Morton and Drew gave a fine exhibition of drawing to the jack and for the most part Atkins and his skip were consolidating by blocking, which they

Recreio Beat Craigengower And Hint At Things To Come

CULLEN'S RINK CARRIES DAY FOR K'LOON DOCK

By "SKIP"

AFTER A MORNING of drizzle, sunshine and showers the majority of lawn bowls matches were completed on Saturday, the eight scheduled for Kowloon being played, but all except two of the six down for decision on the Island being postponed until the end of the season.

Only important upset was the defeat of Craigengower by Taikoo in Second Division, whilst the Valley club also featured in a minor upset by beating Kowloon Bowling Green Club at Austin Road.

The Champions gave an indication of events to come when they beat Craigengower by no fewer than 34 shots, the biggest win of the day.

Willie Hong Sling, after his splendid form of last season, had earned promotion, but whether it was the thought of playing against "experts," or that he just had an off day, as we all do at times, I cannot say, but he certainly could do little right for Roosevelt, and with Carlos Silva right at the top of his form, the latter had a comfortable win. The Portuguese player was drawing shots beautifully.

DING-DONG GAME

Alves and Basa had a ding-dong game, the former emerging victorious after trailing right up to the 18th end. Nine down at the interval, he completely blanked the Valley rink for the last seven heads. The home rink came right on to form after the breather. Leonard Xavier, who had not been too good, commenced putting them on the kitty and his form seemed to pull the team together.

Alf Coates, as three for the Valleyites, played an outstanding game, especially in the preliminary stages, though I do not wish to suggest that he was by any means poor during the Portuguese revival.

Spuggy Silva's rink proved far too strong for U. M. Omar's and included a couple of fours and a three in their victory of 15 shots. The home team were too good, man for man, for the Craigengower rink.

Up on two rinks, the Police will probably consider themselves unlucky to lose to Kowloon Dock, especially as there was a difference of only two shots.

Fred Cullen was the hero of the day as his big win by 18 over "Jock" Orem did the trick. The rink had an excellent lead in Bill Houston, Bob Lapsley was very steady whilst Cullen himself was quite brilliant in every phase of the game.

Ted Post played well against Johnny Kempton, although the latter scored on the majority of heads, but the standard of bowls was not too high generally.

Willie McLeod was in great form for Fender and may be said to have laid the foundation for the visitor's big win. He was beating Calman most of the way. Headridge, a newcomer to First Division bowls, I believe, had the better of McMaster who tried hard but never seemed to settle down to his game.

Consequently, too much was left to Morrison and McKelvie, neither of whom touched top form.

HALL'S RINK BRINGS VICTORY

Alf Hall's rink carried the day for Kowloon Bowling Green Club as they were always the masters of George's Moss's quarter; this was one of two rinks which suffered a re-organisation owing to Kern's inability to turn out. Tommy Armstrong and Duggie Waterson hardly put a bad word down all the afternoon so White and his skip had to consolidate for the most part. This they did most successfully although Moss's men opened their account with a four and chalked up a count of six later in the game. Four singles comprised their other counts and Hall ran out victor by over a score.

Holland's rink pulled up well to tie Frank Goodwin's after being 10 down, but the visiting skip was unfortunate in robbing his side of a four when he bumped up an enemy wood for the shot. In spite of inquiries from every school—of thought—the subsequent "inquest" did not reveal whether or not the skip was directed to go on the wrong hand!

Teddy Fincher's rink, pitched against George Sherriff's, were at no disadvantage in not knowing the rink, which proved very tricky for both teams. Dixon, as lead for the home skip, however, played a fine game, quite the best of the eight. Both skips saved well on occasion, Fincher turning an adverse five and a four into his favour on successive

did excellently. With two or three against him nearly every head, Kew had little "hope" of shining but he stuck to his task gamely.

BASTO ONLY WINNER

Bob Duncan was in good form against Harry Gittins and it was largely due to his own efforts that the rink won.

Tony Basto scored the only home win when he overcame Henry Lockhart by 18; the home four were better all round than their opponents and will deserved their victory, the skip especially shining.

heads. Hubert Overly had not fully recovered from an illness and did not lend the support which he usually does, whilst his opposite number Meyer was also off his game.

Recreio "B" began the season well with a clean win against Hong Kong Football Club, Jackie Noronha, who was making his debut as skip, having the largest victory.

He was drawn against Brooksbank, who, although not up to his usual form, saved a count of six when he drew right out to the tape, where the jack had been moved, for the second shot. The home skip, however, was not to be denied and chalked up a half dozen at the very next head. This count having put them in the lead for the first time, the home four could do no wrong.

SENSATIONAL START

"Pop" Gill's rink started sensationally by scoring 13 in the first four heads, but "B.B.s" rink fought back well and won on the post so to speak. Although the woods did not run too kindly for the visitors, Gill did not lose heart and at the 20th head he produced a real "cake-cutter," when he drew a perfect second shot, only for Basto to face it out.

The last head was exciting: Football Club were lying a couple of shots with two Recreio woods stopping them from a count of four or so, which would have meant a win for the rink. B. Basto was advised to draw but fancied a drive which went wrong and hit his own two woods, one of which, unfortunately for the visitors, sprung the jack and left them with only a singleton.

Bebbington's four, after trailing badly against J. J. Basto, pulled up well, and the skip could take much of the credit himself, playing especially well when he scored a four at the penultimate head to tie the scores; the homesters, however, got a good three on the last end.

Fred Jones was unable to turn out, and with Rakusens also absent, the Civil Servants appeared to have a poor team out. But they pulled off a really good victory against the Indians. Collyer's rink won the match by a win of no less than 23 against A. K. Minu. He had two emergency players, in Grimmit and Hollidge, sons of more well-known players. They did very well for comparative novices and were not in the least overawed by playing at such short notice, in First Division.

Laurie Collyer was in splendid form and rose to the occasion grandly; his heavy ones were deadly and he was also drawing well.

Jeff Hoesen laid the foundation for A. R. Minu's victory over Harry Strange but the skip himself was also pretty hot.

Jack Hollidge, on the next rink, had an off day and would have been lost without MacGowan, who was saving the situation time and again. When the other two rinks had finished and the Civil Servants were 12 up, this rink had four more heads to play. A singleton on the first of these made things safe, but Dallas was full of fight and chalked up eight in the remaining three ends, including a five.

THIRD DIVISION

EVANS' FINE DEBUT AS A SKIP

By "SKIP"

There were only two games in Third Division, Kowloon Football Club overwhelming the Indians, and Craigengower narrowly beating Kowloon Green Club.

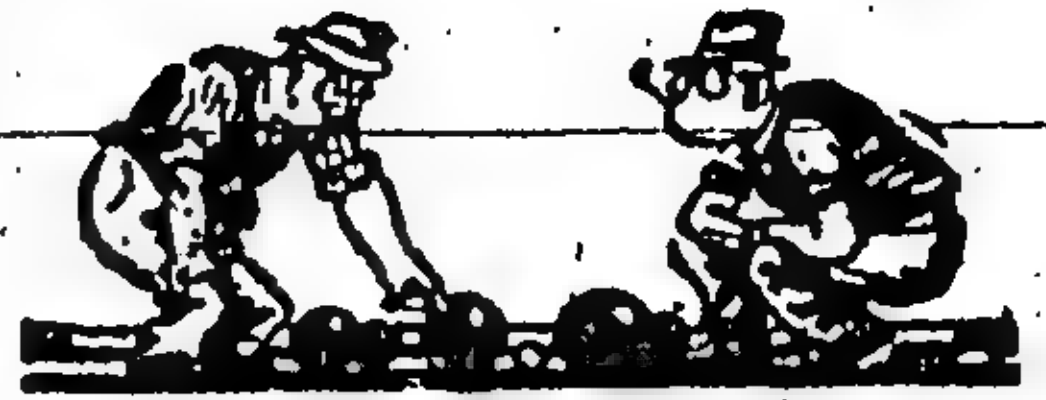
Ben Evans, who played as lead last year I believe, emerged as skip and had a smashing win against such an experienced player as Adal. His team were outplaying the opposition all through and the visiting skip had an unenviable task in trying to keep the score down.

Doctor Smalley got away to a flying start against Rumjahn but the latter's team fought back well to square at 10, only to fall off again for half a dozen heads and go down by six shots.

Abbas, erstwhile Kowloon Tong player, turned out as third man to the Doctor and did quite well.

Peter Morgan and Wahab had to decide their battle on the very last head, with the former securing the necessary shot.

At Austin Road George Ladd had the big-



gest win when he got the better of K. C. Hamilton—no relation to P.J.A. who skipped last year—by nine shots. Ably supported by Coelho he led all the way and his rink virtually carried the day as it negated the loss sustained by John Pau, who, after leading by half a dozen shots after nine heads, could do little right against Dinnen.

Alves and Jordan had a close finish after the former had pretty well run away with the game; he eventually won by five thanks to a three at the last head, which I think could have been saved had Jordan only had a couple of yards of running on his wood.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling:

SUNDAY

Old Course

9.16 a.m.	J. A. D. Morrison, K. S. Morrison.
9.20 "	I. H. Geare, L. R. Andrewes.
9.24 "	A. B. Purves, F. A. Redmond.
9.28 "	T. Megarry, D. McDougall.
9.32 "	A. N. and Q. A. A. Macdadyen.
9.36 "	G. C. Worrall, I. W. Shewan.
9.40 "	D. Hamilton, G. T. Harrington.
9.44 "	S. H. Dodwell, Brig. McLeod.
9.48 "	J. B. Harrison, J. Linaker.
9.52 "	J. von Mühlen, J. G. Jensen.
9.56 "	J. T. Smith, W. A. Jones.
10.00 "	A. D. and D. Humphreys.
10.04 "	Wing Cdr. Steele Perkins, Col. Matthews.
10.08 "	L. M. Wylie, J. Redman.
10.12 "	E. H. Williams, L. H. C. Calthrop.
10.16 "	W. A. Mackinlay, Major Giles.
10.20 "	G. Thomerson, M. Pollock.
10.24 "	J. C. Brown, F. Buckle.
10.28 "	L. R. Cramer, B. O. Baldwin.
10.32 "	T. A. Pearce, A. K. Mackenzie.
10.36 "	F. W. Chandler, M. G. Carruthers.
10.40 "	W. N. A. Smalley, J. W. Mayhew.
10.44 "	A. T. Lay, E. Bathurst.
10.48 "	J. W. Clague, P. M. Cotton.
10.52 "	P. E. Annis, F. A. Roward.
10.56 "	Major Penfold, Capt. Bridge.
11.00 "	Lt. Col. Field, Major Proes.
11.04 "	Major Harvey, Surg. Cdr. Nicholson.
11.08 "	Lieut. Jessiman, Capt. Thursby.
11.12 "	Lieut. Carter, M. S. Banner.

New Course

9.28 a.m.	A. V. and Mrs. Greaves.
10.00 "	E. G. Price, Lt. Cdr. Murray.
10.24 "	Mrs. Steele Perkins, Mrs. Selwyn-Clarke.
10.40 "	Mrs. Smalley, Mrs. Williams.
10.48 "	Col. Shackleton, Col. Way.
10.52 "	Major Mackenzie, Col. Newham.

WHITMONDAY

Old Course

9.16 a.m.	A. T. Lay, G. C. Worrall.
9.20 "	A. B. Purves, T. Megarry.
9.24 "	Capt. Thursby, R. K. Valentine.
9.28 "	A. C. I. Bowker, L. M. S. Lloyd.
9.32 "	I. H. Geare, K. S. Morrison.
9.36 "	Wing Cdr. Steele Perkins, J. W. Mayhew.
9.40 "	W. Hewitt, F. Groves.
9.44 "	R. G. Parker, G. T. Harrington.
9.48 "	R. C. Gahrner, J. Redman.
9.52 "	W. S. Hillier, H. Overly.
9.56 "	Brig. McLeod, Major Meek.
10.00 "	Rev. Richards, G. W. Reeve.
10.32 "	R. L. S. Webb, J. C. Brown.
10.36 "	Col. Shackleton, Major Mackenzie.
10.40 "	L. H. Chater, Rev. Ward.

New Course

9.20 a.m.	E. W. Stout, M. G. Carruthers.
9.28 "	A. V. and Mrs. Greaves.
9.36 "	A. K. and Mrs. Mackenzie.
9.40 "	F. D. and Mrs. Hunter.
9.52 "	Mrs. Hillier, Mrs. Overly.
10.32 "	Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Rowell.

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The Banks of Allan Water (Scottish Ballad); Sink, Red Sun (Coleridge & del Riego).... Muriel Brunskill (Contralto) with Piano.
Triumph (Trad.).... Scottish Country Dance Orchestra.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"The Voice of the Nazi"—"What the German Hears". Talk by Professor W. A. Sinclair.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather

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8.03 p.m.—Short Mozart Programme.
Rondo (from Serenade in D Major "Hafner").... Fritz Kreisler (Violin) with Piano accomp. by Franz Rupp.
Overture "Coal Fan Tutte".... The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Adrian Boult.
8.15 p.m.—Studio—Recital by Gaston D'Aquino (Tenor) with E. O'Neill Shaw at the Piano.
1. (a) Il Mio Tesoro Intanto ("Don Giovanni"—Mozart).
(b) Se Il Mio Nome ("The Barber of Seville"—Rossini).
2. (a) Morning (Tchakowsky).

(b) Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair (Stephen Foster).
(c) Off in the Silly Night (Trad. Irish Air).
3. (a) Mattinata (Tosti).
(b) Luna d'Estate (Tosti).
8.40 p.m.—Compositions of Elgar.

Hour Of Dance Music

Prelude "The Dream of Gerontius", 38.... The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Adrian Boult.
La Capricieuse, Op. 17.... Bronislaw Berman (Violin) with Siegfried Schur at the Piano.
Serenade in E Minor for Strings, Op. London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Sir Edward Elgar.
Contrasts, Op. 10, No. 3.... London Harmonic Orchestra cond. by Sir Edward Elgar.
Shepherd's Song.... Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by Haydn Wood.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"World Affairs".
9.45 p.m.—A Request Classical Programme.
"Rienzi"—Overture (Wagner).... Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra cond. by Leopold Stokowski.
Elegie (Massenet).... Georges Thill (Soprano) with Orchestra with Violin Solos Krabansky.
What Is This Feeling? ("The Marriage of Figaro"—Mozart).... Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano) with Orchestra.
Toreador's Song ("Carmen"—Bizet).... Cardo Stracciari, Appoloni, E. Ticozzi Chorus with Orchestra.
Sonata in C Sharp Minor ("Moonlight" Op. 27, No. 2 (Beethoven).... Egon F. (Piano).
Overture "Merry Wives of Windsor" (Mozart).... The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Adrian Boult.
Onaway! Awake! Beloved ("Hiawatha" Coleridge-Taylor).... Tudor Davis (Soprano) with Orchestra.
Myself When Young (from "In a Persian Garden"—Lehmann).... Oscar Na (Bass) with Piano accomp. by Hu Greenslade.
Sonata in C Minor, Op. 45 (Grieg).... Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano) and Fritz Kreisler (Violin).
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

SPORTS PARADE

(Continued from Page 24)

THE lawn bowls season started on Saturday in far from promising weather which did not cause the number of postponements, that the discomfort most of those who played experienced, might have warranted. There is no keener sportsman in Hong Kong than the lawn bowler and he takes the game far more seriously than most.

As my contemporary, "Skip" remarked in his column last week, the trouble with most bowlers is that they think they are better than they really are!

That this statement is not far from the truth was driven home in the course of the week. Several conveners, with whom I held converse, have thus early in the season experienced the trials and vicissitudes which always confront the unenviable fellow who has to select the teams.

One of them had trouble with a player who has his own peculiar ideas as to how the game should be played, and, as such, does least harm at number one. This chap sees in himself a heaven-sent number three, however, and Goebbels' propaganda machine has nothing on him when it comes to shooting a line! The poor old convener, with only a bare minimum of players from whom to select his three rinks,

foresees trouble ahead if the ambitious one's request is not complied with the near future.

Yet another player, a comparative novice, but who, in all fairness, made tremendous strides at the game has suddenly gone all temperamental and does not want to play in a certain rink because a certain fellow recently passed rather a cutting remark about his play, is a member of it.

Under normal circumstances the right thing to do with a chap like this is to say: play in such-and-such a rink or don't bother to play at all. You see the difficulty! And so it goes on.

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East, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable
East-West 60 on score

♠ K 4
♥ Q 10 3
♦ Q 10 8 7 5
♣ K 10 2
♠ 10 8 8 2
♥ A K 7 5
♦ 9 4 3
♣ 7 6
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♠ A J 9
♥ J 9 8 6
♦ A K
♣ 5 3
♠ Q 7 5 3
♥ —
♦ J 6 2
♣ A Q J 9 8 4

The bidding:
East. South West North
1♥ 2♣ 2♥ 3♣
Pass Pass 3♥ Pass
Pass 4♣ Pass Pass
Dbl. Pass Pass Pass

The King of hearts was opened. Declarer trumped and led a spade, dummy's King forcing East's Ace. East led a trump, but it did no good because the only additional tricks Declarer had to lose were the Ace-King of diamonds, and he made his contract for the rubber.

East's defence of his double lay in the fact that it was certainly tough luck to find South with a void of hearts. West pointed out, however, that if there had been no void of hearts, the hand would have been

down one trick. Hence, the double would have gained 100 points for East and West, whereas it actually cost 580. "Why didn't you bid four hearts?" West asked his partner. "The only reason you would have failed to make it, was the fact that all three trumps were bunched against us in one hand. As long as you're going to gamble on the hand, why not gamble where you have a chance to make something worthwhile?"

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and held:

♠ x x
♥ Q x x x
♦ x
♣ Q x x x

The bidding:
Maier Burnstone You Schenken
2♣ Pass 2NT Pass

ANSWER: Your correct response is two notrump. The opening two-bid is forcing, and two notrump is the response to show a hand without high cards. Score 100% for two notrump, 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 408

Again you are Merwin Maier's partner and again you hold:

♠ x x
♥ Q x x x
♦ x
♣ Q x x x

The bidding:
Maier Burnstone You Schenken
2♣ Pass 2NT Pass
3♥ Pass (?)

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING,
GREEN ISLAND HANDICAP

2nd Day—Monday, 13th May

In view of the number of entries received for the above, it has been decided to divide the race into three sections.

The third section will be race No. 11 and run at 6.30 p.m.

A cash sweep, tickets \$5 each, will be held on this race but "All through" chances will not participate, and tickets can be purchased only at the Race Course during the Meeting.

By Order of the Stewards,

C. B. Brown,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 4th May, 1940.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY ON SATURDAY, 11th and MONDAY, 13th May, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m. on Saturday, and at 12.30 p.m. on Monday.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. on the First Day and at 12.00 NOON on the Second Day. The Tiffin Interval will be after the second race (1.00 p.m.) on the Second Day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

The temporary green cardboard badges are now cancelled and will no longer procure admission to the Enclosure.

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m. on the First Day and at 10.45 a.m. on the Second Day.

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By Order,

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Hong Kong, 6th May, 1940

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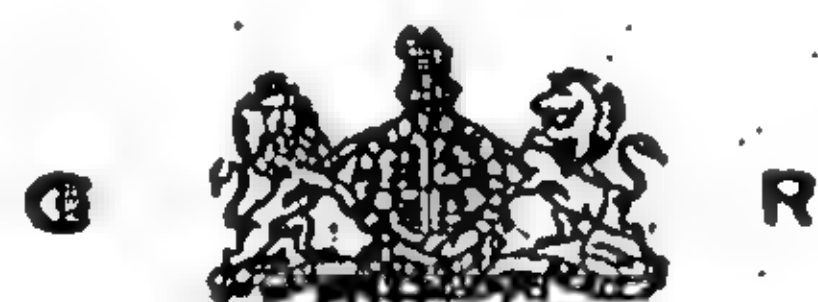
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to be held on TUESDAY, the 14th day of May, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4253.	Junction of Tong Mi Road and Bute Street, Mong Kok.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 18,970	\$248	\$33,198
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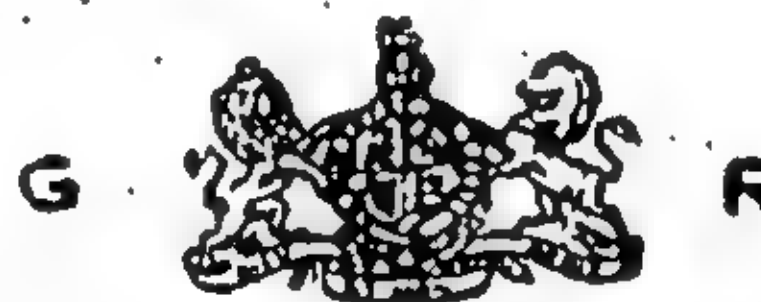
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[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT]

Saigon, To-day.

Hong Kong were defeated in the Interport game with Saigon yesterday by three goals to one. The game was exceedingly rough, but no-one suffered any serious injury.

Saigon's victory was largely due to the marvellous goalkeeping of Boissezon, the former Shanghai interport player, who kept Hong Kong out in the first half when they were definitely on top. As it was the sides reached the interval with the scores level, one all. Fung King-cheong netted for Hong Kong. Saigon pressed hard in the second half.

Hong Kong fielded the following eleven: Tsang; Lee Tin-sang, Hau; Guy, Bright, Forrow; Yeung Shui-yick; Fung King-cheong, Fox, Pryde and Ip.

Hau, Bright and Pryde were the outstanding Hong Kong players. —Our Own Correspondent.

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The remilitarisation was effected with the tacit consent of the Soviet for protection of the islands against attack by a third party. Sweden also agreed to the decision. The Finnish General Staff announces that the waters around the Aaland Islands have been mined and are dangerous to navigation.—Havas.

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The German Government has ordered German troops to safeguard the neutrality of these countries by all means.—Reuter.

New York, To-day.

The National Broadcasting Company states that Germany has invaded Holland.—Reuter.

Chungking, To-day.

The decisive battle for possession of Siangyang and Fancheng, in the Han River Valley, was expected to start last night or early this morning, said the Chinese military spokesman.

Four Japanese columns are converging on Fancheng; they had to effect a junction in the plains on the north bank east of Fancheng and were closing in from all directions.

The Japanese advanced in four columns. On May 1 the first column set out from Changtaikwan, on the Peiping-Hankow Railway, north of Sinyang; they first went north-east and then turned to the north-west and crossed the railway, pushing along the highway towards Miyang, which they occupied on May 6. The Chinese troops withdrew to positions north of the highway while the forces south of the highway attacked the Japanese flank, and other troops east of the Railway attacked Changtaikwan, in the Japanese rear. By the night of May 5 the Japanese pushed westward and captured Tangho but after two hours fighting the Chinese recaptured the town, the Japanese withdrawing to positions south and south-west of the town.

A second Japanese column pushed westward on May 1 from Sinyang, on the P.H.R., towards Tungpeh along the highway.—Reuter.

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE INVASION OF BELGIUM IS FORESHADOWED BY OFFICIAL GERMAN CIRCLES, IT IS LEARNED IN LONDON.—REUTER.

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Allies Answer Belgium's Appeal For Aid BELGIUM AND HOLLAND AT WAR WITH NAZIS

BRUSSELS, TO-DAY.

BELGIUM AND HOLLAND ARE AT WAR WITH GERMANY. MANY GERMAN PLANES HAVE BEEN OVER THE ANTWERP AREA SINCE 4.30 A.M. TO-DAY AND THE BELGIAN ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS HAVE KEPT UP AN INCESSANT CANNONADE.

An official announcement issued by the Cabinet states:

"Our appeal for aid sent to the Allied Governments has been answered and it is believed that Britain and France are coming to our assistance immediately."

It is reported that the Belgian Cabinet has been in session since midnight, having been warned of large German concentrations of troops on the Belgian frontier.

THE PRIME MINISTER, M. PIERLOT, ANNOUNCED EARLY THIS MORNING THAT IT HAD BEEN DECIDED TO APPEAL TO BRITAIN AND FRANCE FOR ASSISTANCE IN REPELLING THE INVADERS.

The German forces, using mechanised units, are moving forward in an attempt to cut communications between France and Belgium.

In addition to the deployment of large forces in the border regions, the Germans are dropping parachute troops from planes behind the Belgian defence positions.

Showers of bombs fell in the Brussels aerodrome and its vicinity in the early hours of this morning. Many houses were wrecked and a large number of casualties include killed and wounded.

A message received from Amsterdam, via New York, states that Holland is officially at war with Germany. — Reuter.

Air Raid On Brussels

Brussels, To-day.

The sound of air raid sirens and the sharp bark of anti-aircraft guns was the first indication Brussels had of the German invasion.

Many squadrons of German planes were sighted flying over Belgium from east to west in the early hours of this morning. Six are reported to have been brought down.

The Germans are dropping parachute troops dressed in Belgian uniforms. Several have been captured, and Belgians have been ordered to look out for others.

Over 100 Nazi planes were reported in the Brussels area alone. — Havas.

Cynical German Memorandum

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Allied Planes Rushed To Aid Of Dutch

Paris, To-day.

According to Hilversum Radio a warning has been given to the Dutch people that besides troops in German uniforms landing by parachute, some of them are dressed in Allied uniforms.

Hilversum also announced officially at 8.15 a.m. this morning that British, French and Belgian planes have been sighted over Holland.

"These," said the announcer, "are our Allied air forces. They are greeted with enthusiasm wherever they are seen." — Reuter.

The First News

New York, To-day.

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Near Brussels

Brussels, To-day.

Parachute troops are reported to have landed this morning at Nivelles, south-east of Brussels. — Reuter.

Allies Answer Call

London, To-day.

It is officially announced that the Allies will render all the help they can to Belgium and Holland. — Reuter.

All French Leave Cancelled

Paris, To-day.

The leave of all French officers has been cancelled and the men have been recalled. — Reuter.

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ROOSEVELT CALLS MILITARY CONFERENCE

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt is keeping in close touch with the situation in Europe.

He has called a conference at the White House this morning, and Mr. Cordell Hull and the Chiefs of Staff of the Army, Navy and Air Force will be present.

President Roosevelt has already ordered all Belgian, Dutch and Luxembourg credits to be frozen. — Reuter.

Rush To Schiphol

London, To-day.

According to an Amsterdam dispatch, all possible Dutch forces in the vicinity are being rushed to the vicinity of the Schiphol aerodrome, where German troops are trying to land from planes. — Reuter.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN PREPARED TO RESIGN



MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN
saying goodbye to No. 10,
Downing Street?

ROOSEVELT PREPARING SENSATION

Washington, To-day.

The subject of President Roosevelt's address to the American Scientific Congress to-night is being kept a close secret at the White House.

It is not questioned that President Roosevelt will deal largely with foreign affairs, and it is difficult to see how he can keep off the subject of the European war.

President Roosevelt himself obviously regards the speech as important because he began its composition as early as Tuesday when he cancelled his press conference on that score.

The Washington "Times-Herald," comments that the President is cloaking his diplomatic manoeuvring in the closest secrecy, but veteran observers are convinced he is charting a sensational course.

The President appears to be moving on two fronts—in the Pacific through the Fleet and in Europe through Rome and, probably, the Vatican.—Reuter.

COMMONS ADJOURNS

London, To-day.

The Commons agreed to a resolution for the adjournment for Whitsuntide until May 21 after the Prime Minister had given an assurance that the Government would not hesitate to advise the Speaker to ask for the recall of the House at the earliest possible moment if any circumstances, either internal or external, make it desirable.

The Prime Minister also stated that he would be glad to arrange for a debate on economic aspects of the war when the House resumes, the session to be held in secret.—British Wireless.

THE RESIGNATION OF MR. CHAMBERLAIN WITHIN THE NEXT 24 HOURS WAS IN LONDON LAST NIGHT REGARDED AS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN.

Long conferences yesterday between the Prime Minister and his leading advisers and supporters were followed in the evening by an invitation to Mr. C. R. Attlee, Leader of the Labour Opposition, and Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Deputy Leader, to No. 10, Downing Street.

At the conclusion of a conversation lasting 45 minutes, Mr. Chamberlain's resignation hinged only upon one thing, the willingness of the Labour Party to participate in a National Government under a new Prime Minister.

The names of Lord Halifax, Mr. Winston Churchill and, strangely, Mr. Lloyd George are mentioned as Mr. Chamberlain's successor at No. 10.

It is understood that at the meeting between the Prime Minister and the Labour leaders, Mr. Chamberlain asked them whether they were prepared to serve in a reconstructed government under his leadership, and, if not, whether they are prepared to serve under the leadership of another member of the Conservative Party.

Reuter learns that the reply of the Labour leaders was that service under Mr. Chamberlain was impossible.

That, incidentally, is the view also held by the Opposition Liberals headed by Sir Archibald Sinclair, who would also be invited to participate.

On whether or not the Labour Party will be prepared to join an All-Party Government under other leadership depends the issue.

A decision will be made finally at a meeting of the Party Executive to be held in Bournemouth to-day.

Form Of Questions

The form of the questions put by Mr. Chamberlain to Mr. Attlee and Mr. Greenwood may be taken as clear indication that the Prime Minister is now willing to resign if such action would lead to the formation of a new National Government satisfactory to all parties.

Lord Halifax and Mr. Winston Churchill were present at the interview.

It was indicated later that the Prime Minister would not be seeing the King until after the Labour Party decision on participation had been made known, and nothing more is expected until late to-day.

Departure Nearly Certain

Reuter's Parliamentary correspondent learns that last night's developments, accelerated by the speeches in the Commons, make the departure of Mr. Chamberlain almost certain.

The most likely names, from which the new Prime Minister will be selected, were considered late last night to be Lord Halifax, Mr. Churchill and Mr. Lloyd George.

For various reasons, including the possible complications arising from the fact that Lord Halifax is a member of the House of Lords, the most likely selection is felt to be Mr. Churchill.

Although the decision about Labour's cooperation in an All-Party Government is a matter for the Party Conference, it is believed that Labour will be found willing to serve under Mr. Churchill.—Reuter.

Back-Benchers Seen

London, To-day.

Abandoning his usual walk through

St. James's Park, Mr. Chamberlain spent yesterday morning at "No. 10," receiving visitors and consulting his advisors. He then went to Parliament.

In the afternoon, in his private room, he received a deputation of four Conservative back-benchers who put forward their view.—Reuter.

SWEDEN DEEPLY IMPRESSED BY THE COMMONS DEBATE

Stockholm, To-day.

THE "NYA DAGLIGT ALLEHANDA" says the most remarkable feature of the first day of the Commons debate was not the energy of the opposition nor the calm statement of facts by the defence.

Rather was it that a belligerent country allows such open yet restrained discussion.

The "Social Demokraten" thinks there is no doubt England will emerge stronger than before from the present Government crisis.

The Norwegian episode will have resulted in a firmer, more purposeful and a more offensive British Government and in more energetic warfare by the Allies.

It is thus far from certain, that the German surprise attack on Norway in the long run increased Germany's chances to win the war.

One thing is certain—the English people will take the war far more seriously than hitherto, and history shows how difficult it is to conquer this country.

Fine Tradition

The "Tidningen" declares the British have followed their fine old tradition and have cast off camouflage in a critical situation, in which they speak as though the enemy and the world are not listening to every word.

They do not attempt to paint a favourable picture but ruthlessly

emphasise the situation's gravity, and much of the criticism concerns the Cabinet's efforts to represent matters in a better light than justified.

There is no tone of defeatism in the chorus of dissatisfaction, although recent events are recognised as a defeat.

Sharp Contrast

The "Dagens Nyheter" says the House of Commons maintains the proudest traditions of debate of affairs of state in the most serious situations with energy and no restraint, sharply contrasting with the hush-hush campaign carried on by the governments of the smaller democracies.

The Government considers the danger of alienating criticism and ignoring the people's representatives still greater.

The result is the confrontation of governors and governed, from which the country proceeds with greater determination and continues the fight at all costs.—Reuter.

ENEMY CONVOYS TORPEDOED

London, To-day.

An Admiralty communique announces that British submarines have had further successes in their operations against enemy transports and supply ships.

In an attack on a convoy of 10 enemy ships, six torpedoes found their mark.

Three hits were made on another convoy and two on a third convoy.

One ship sailing independently was torpedoed and sunk. Another was driven ashore and destroyed by gunfire and torpedo.—Reuter.

Prime Minister Abandons Compromise Effort

ANOTHER SPY RING ROUNDED UP

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.
Another large espionage ring has been discovered in Haarlem. The police authorities are most reserved and the only information available is that the spies had extensive connexions with financial circles and had their headquarters in Amsterdam.—Havas.

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REBEL TORIES FORCE ISSUE TO DECISION

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ANNOUNCEMENT THAT MR. CHAMBERLAIN HAS REQUESTED AN AUDIENCE OF THE KING THIS AFTERNOON IS TAKEN TO MEAN THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WILL RESIGN REGARDLESS OF THE LABOUR PARTY'S DECISION.

To meet the extremely unlikely event of Labour refusing to participate in a National Government under a Premier other than Mr. Chamberlain, the Prime Minister had been engaged on endeavours to form a new Government by a reshuffle.

The Government in this case would have included certain "rebel Conservatives" such as Mr. L. M. S. Amery and Mr. A. Duff-Cooper.

Sir Samuel Hoare, Sir John Simon and Sir Kingsley Wood would be excluded.

Last night, however, Mr. Chamberlain received a delegation of the new group formed by rebel Conservatives, under Mr. Amery's chairmanship.

The group informed Mr. Chamberlain they were ready to support any Premier able to form a genuine government of national union, including representatives of all political parties.

Attempt Abandoned

In view of this attitude by the Right Wing group, Mr. Chamberlain apparently abandoned the attempt to reconstruct his Cabinet.

The names of Lord Halifax, Mr. Churchill and Mr. Lloyd George are still mentioned as successors;

Lord Halifax would be the choice of the Conservative Party while Mr. Churchill is more favoured by those political factions opposing the present Cabinet but which would participate in a National Government.

Mr. Lloyd George might emerge as Premier despite his advanced age should an agreement between the opposition prove impossible over Mr. Churchill or Lord Halifax.

Labour Ministers

The problem, however, rests not only with Parliament but also the Labour Party, whose conference at Bournemouth is of paramount importance to the formation of a National Government.

Should Labour participation in the new Cabinet be decided, portfolios would probably be offered to Mr. C. R. Attlee, Leader of the Opposition in the Commons, and Mr. Herbert Morrison, Labour Chairman of the London County Council, in which capacity he has demonstrated his outstanding administrative and organising ability.—Havas.

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DRAMATIC ATTEMPT TO RESCUE NAZI AIRMAN

London, To-day.

AFTER SHOOTING DOWN in flames a German Dornier "flying pencil" raider off the north-east coast of Scotland yesterday, R.A.F. Fighter Command pilots tried to save one of the crew who jumped by parachute.

The Nazi airman fell into the sea about 14 miles from land. The British pilots, circling above him in Hurricanes, saw him remove his parachute and begin to swim.

They reported by radio telephone to the base and a launch was immediately sent out. Flying to and fro between the launch and the swimming German they directed the rescue, but when the launch reached him he was dead.

The patrolling Hurricane pilots had chased the Dornier shortly before from a point just inland. As they came in to attack the German rear gunner opened fire first.

Waiting until they within close range the fighters fired one after another. The raider was hit immediately, the first burst from one fighter causing clouds of black smoke to pour from the starboard engine.

Point Blank Range

He flew into a cloud closely pursued. When the fighters came out of the cloud they found themselves at point blank range. One of the crippled Dornier covered the windscreens as they made two more attacks on the raider which dodged in and out.

Before the aircraft dove into the sea one of the Nazi airman had taken to his parachute. As the Dornier struck the water there was an explosion, and the fighter pilots saw white orange flames shoot into the air.—British Wireless.

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TO-DAY "DER TAG" FOR HITLER?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

A LARGE-SCALE GERMAN OFFENSIVE IS EXPECTED ANY DAY AND MANY PEOPLE IN BERLIN DECLARE THEY HAVE LEARNED "FROM A GOOD SOURCE WHICH SHOULD BE KEPT SECRET" THAT GIGANTIC MILITARY ACTION WILL BE TAKEN TO-DAY (FRIDAY).

The atmosphere in Berlin, it is stated, is extremely nervous and tense.

Most observers believe that should Germany strike now, this stroke would be directed against the Balkans but would not remove the threat to Belgium and Holland.

Germany is apparently set on trying to bring the war to an end before next winter and will try at whatever cost to her to induce the Allies to accept her peace terms.—Havas.

HITLER ON NEW TACK?

Talk In Berlin Of Withdrawal From Norway

Prelude To Giving Up Fight At Narvik?

AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY.
THE POSSIBILITY OF HITLER CONSIDERING A WITHDRAWAL FROM NORWAY TO A LARGE EXTENT IS BEING DISCUSSED HERE AS A RESULT OF REPORTS FROM BERLIN.

From the German point of view, it is pointed out, such a move would have advantages as a propaganda move and as a means of saving men and material for other purposes.

It seems hardly possible the Germans would surrender their air bases in Norway but it is suggested they might seek to make some gesture of withdrawal from other points.

There are two indications that some such approach to the Norwegian people may be planned.

One is a report that the Germans contemplate abandoning Narvik; the other is an order issued yesterday to the German troops in Norway praising the Norwegian soldiers, which commentators here compare to the German attempt at the beginning of the war to differentiate between British and French soldiers.

The report of the possible abandonment of Narvik is contained in a despatch from the Berlin correspondent of the "Algemeen Handelsblad," who declares very well-informed circles in Berlin no longer regard Narvik as a centre of strategic importance.

The High Command is believed to hold the view that Narvik will only remain of value as long as the Allies continue to station ships there, which can be attacked by the German air force.—Reuter.

RUSSIAN DETECTIVE "ARRESTED"

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT]

Shanghai, To-day.
A Russian detective of the S.M.P., Sub-Inspector I. V. Golobkoff, and a Chinese detective were "arrested" by the Ta Tao police last night while making enquiries regarding a crime at the corner of Connaught Road and Singapore Road.

The detectives were proceeding in a police van when they were stopped by a patrol of Ta Tao police who insisted they follow to a nearby Ta Tao police station.

It is pointed out the arrest was made on a Municipal road, and while details are not known, the facts confirm that the Ta Tao men were acting illegally inside the Settlement when making the arrests.

At the time of cabling the two men had not been released but efforts are being made to secure their release with the aid of Japanese gendarmerie headquarters in Jessfield Road which also supervises the Ta Tao activities.—Our Own Correspondent.

D.S.O. FOR NAVY HEROES

London, To-day.

The daring and resourcefulness of officers and men of the Fleet Air Arm and the submarine service off the Norwegian coast are recognised in a long list of awards published in a supplement to the "London Gazette."

They include the D.S.O. for Captain Richard Thomas Partridge, Royal Marines,

Lt. William Paulet Lucy, R.N., Lt.-Comm. Christopher Haynes Hutchinson, of the submarine Truant, Lt.-Comm. John-Hay Forbes, of the submarine Spearfish, and Lt. William Donald King, of the submarine Snapper.

There are also a number of D.S.C.'s D.S.M.'s and mentions in despatches.

An unusual distinction falls to Acting Lt. E. W. T. Taylour, who is awarded the D.S.C., a bar and is mentioned in despatches as well.—Reuter.

U.S. DROPS SILVER POLICY

Washington, To-day.

The Senate last night passed, by 45 votes to 36, legislation to end the Administration's seven-year-old policy of buying foreign silver.

Earlier the Senate rejected a proposal by Senator Key Pittman to continue purchases but to require sellers to use the proceeds from silver sales for buying United States farm products.

The Bill, which now goes to the House of Representatives, would terminate the authority for silver purchases granted to the President and Treasury under the Silver Purchase Act of 1934.—Reuter.

MAIZE FOR BRITAIN

Washington, To-day.

The Department of Agriculture announces the sale of 20,000,000 bushels of maize to Britain under the new export subsidy programme.

The maize will be taken from Government owned stocks which total 88,000,000 bushels.—Reuter.

GERMAN AIRMEN PRISONERS

Paris, To-day.

The four occupants of a German reconnaissance bomber which made a forced landing in a village of central France were held prisoner by farm labourers until taken into custody by the military.—Reuter.

BIGGEST JAP. OFFENSIVE SINCE HANKOW

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking, To-day.

The Japanese operations in Honan and Hupeh constitute the largest scale military action since the attack on Hankow, stated the Chinese spokesman at yesterday's weekly press conference.

Seven Japanese divisions, 200 aircraft and 400 tanks, supported by artillery and cavalry, were put in the field by the Japanese.

The Japanese operations do not appear to be directed against any particular strategic point or cities but aim at clearing the Hankow region of all the Chinese troops who have been massing there during the past months, greatly endangering the Japanese positions.

Chinese tactics during the present operations consist of cutting Japanese communications, and in extensive guerilla warfare.—Havas.

FRENCH AMBASSADOR SEES MR. WELLES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

The French Ambassador, Count de St. Quentin, called on Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, with whom he conversed for half an hour on "the general situation." No official announcement has been made on the discussion.—Havas.

SHIFT IN JAPANESE ACTIVITY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

TOKYO, TO-DAY.

AN IMPORTANT SHIFT IN JAPANESE NATIONAL ACTIVITY HAS TAKEN PLACE SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF THE MANCHURIA INCIDENT. PROFESSOR TSUNEYUKI REVEALED IN THE "ECONOMIC REVIEW."

In 1938 agriculture's share in the national production amounted to only 17 per cent. instead of 27 per cent. in 1931.

Value of machinery, metals and chemicals produced in the country outbalanced the combined value of agricultural products, foodstuffs and textiles.

The professor notes this industrialisation movement seems to have reached its peak and industry will not now register any spectacular development unless fresh capital is injected into the Japanese economy.—Havas.

ANTI-SPY LAW IN HOLLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

The Ministry of Justice announces that a second anti-espionage law will be submitted shortly to Parliament.

The law will provide for the deportation to the colonies of persons guilty of political actions detrimental to the well-being of the country.

Meanwhile stringent measures have been taken to crush any possible move of enemy sympathisers.

The military commander of west Holland has visited the principal towns in the area.

Pressmen of non-belligerent states have been invited to inspect the coastal defence of the Low Country on board the cruiser Sumatra.—Havas.



The newly-wed Mrs. J. W. Thirlwell (nee Andrade) receiving congratulations of her friends after her wedding at St. Joseph's Church last Sunday. (King's Studio).

NORWAY TO FIGHT ON

Professor Koht's Broadcast In Paris

Assurances Of Stronger Allied Cooperation

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

THERE IS NO EXCUSE for the German attack on Norway which has lived 125 years in perfect peace and neutrality, declared Prof. Halvdan Koht, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, in a broadcast speech to the French people last night.

Prof. Koht declared Norway's only fault was to be weak and to be of strategical interest to the Reich which had not hesitated to violate every rule of common law to make use of Scandinavia.

Prof. Koht said that despite the terrible sufferings brought about by the war the Norwegians were not discouraged and would fight for freedom and Democracy by the side of France and Britain, whose final victory in the struggle for international justice could not be doubted.

Prof. Koht declared that in London and Paris he had had a series of talks with the political and military authorities which convinced him the British and French Governments will do their best to strengthen the co-operation between the Allied forces in Norway and the Norwegian army.

Part Of General War

Norway, he said, was part of the general war. Now that Germany had gone outside her own frontiers she was liable to be defeated.

A victory over Germany in Norway would facilitate the general victory.

Prof. Koht said members of the Diplomatic Corps were still with the Norwegian Government in Norway.

Referring to supplies, he said the Government had taken all the necessary measures and had stocked wheat reserves for a year.

Prof. Koht again said they did not wish Sweden to be submitted to the same fate as Norway through abandoning her neutrality.—Havas.

King And Government To Fight Till End

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

M. Koht, interviewed by the press, emphasized that the King and Government intended to fight until the very end.

King Haakon had said to him:—"I am King of Norway. I shall stay here, and I shall fight here."

The sixth Norwegian Division is still intact, he said, and a large number of members of the other five divisions have managed to survive attacks so far.

In Northern Norway there are reserve stocks of wheat and the Norwegian troops can also use stocks of munitions now on hand and those recently imported from England.

The Norwegian mercantile marine is almost intact and is at the disposition of the Government; the ships are now directed by an inter-Allied organization set up in London.—Havas.

SOVIET TRADE TALKS WITH SWEDEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

It is officially announced that a special committee has been constituted to start negotiations with the Soviet for an increase in trade exchanges. The committee is under the chairmanship of M. Albin Johansson, leader of the Swedish Co-operative movement.—Havas.

DE VALERA APPEALS FOR UNITY

Dublin, To-day.

An appeal against further I.R.A. activity was made yesterday by Premier De Valera in a special broadcast.

He asked for national unity.

If the disorders continue, civil war will be the inevitable conclusion, weakening the national strength and making it an easy prey to any invader.—Reuter.

LORD MAYOR'S FUND

London, To-day.

A further contribution of £10,000 to the Lord Mayor's Red Cross and St. John Fund from the Sports Committee raises the total from that source to £37,000.—British Wireless.

BRITISH PRESS COMMENT

London, To-day.

THE BRITISH PRESS YESTERDAY was unanimous that two main points had come out of the debate in Commons — that the Government must be strengthened and that the country's war effort must be increased.

The press emphasises that all parties agree on this and the main problem is now best to put that into effect. There is less agreement on the best way of strengthening the Government.

The Labour "Daily Herald" held that, morally and politically Mr. Chamberlain was defeated beyond hope of recovery.

Most of the other papers were less drastic, although they were unanimous in their demands for an overhaul.

"The Times" appealed to the Labour Party to rise above party matters and take a share in running the country.

The "Daily Telegraph" saw in Mr. Chamberlain's speech a possibility that he, too, was thinking on the lines that personal or other considerations should not be allowed to prevent the formation of the best government for conducting the war. It only remained for him to move promptly from the thought to the deed. As regards Norway, the Government emerged very creditably with a straightforward and complete answer to major criticisms; if members had not been prevented from giving the full facts, it is possible their case might have been stronger.

The "Manchester Guardian" said that although the result of the debate had gone abroad as an apparent victory for the Government, everyone knew that it was nothing of the kind. It was a bad story—lack of provisions, lack of preparations, indecision, slowness and fear of taking risks.

Britain had had this before. She had never fought a major war without this. But it could not be permitted in a war with an enemy like Hitler.

The "Yorkshire Post" said that a far bigger question was involved than whether this man or that man should be Prime Minister. There must be a transformation of ideas; we must fight, not with easy-going confidence, but with desperate devotion. Far from groaning under our burdens, we were asking for heavier ones.—Reuter.

JAPANESE ADVANCE ON FANCHENG

Chungking, To-day.

The Japanese vanguards are about 20 miles from Fancheng, according to the latest Chinese field despatches from northern Hupeh.

A Japanese column pushing north from Chungtsiang along the east bank of the Han River has reached Huanglungkung, a village east of Fancheng, and south of the main highway between Tsao yang and Fancheng. The Japanese seem to be trying to cut the highway east of Fancheng near Shuankoucheng and to effect a junction with the Japanese forces pushing west along the Tsao yang highway.

Another Japanese column from Suhsien has reached a point southwest of Tsao yang while a third column advancing along the highway is now engaging the Chinese near Tanghsiencheng, east of Tsao yang.

A Japanese column from the Peiping-Hankow Railway which occupied Miyang has now passed Tangho and is pushing north along the highway towards Nanyang.

A Japanese column from Sinyang is still engaged by the Chinese near Tungpeh and is making little headway in its westward drive.—Reuter.

PRICE OF RICE IN JAPAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

The Government will not raise the official price of rice, the Agriculture Minister, Mr. Toshio Shimada, told the prefectural governors meeting here, reports the "Yomiuri Shimbun." The paper adds it is probable the Government will give subsidies to farmers to offset any losses due to the pegging of the rice price.—Havas.

PACKARD CAR CLUE TO SHANGHAI KIDNAPPING MYSTERY

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Shanghai, To-day.

THE KIDNAPPING OF MR. Yoong Er-zung, manager of the Sung Sing cotton mills, on May 2, developed further yesterday when the Packard car in which Yoong was driving to office when he was seized, was found abandoned in Ward Road.

Complete mystery still surrounds Yoong's fate; his family have not received news from him since his disappearance a week ago.

Neither Yoong nor his captors has made any move to communicate with the family, and the police are continuing their enquiries.

Meanwhile, Vong Chia-chang and Lee Tso-doong, officials of the Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Company who were kidnapped a week ago, were released by their captors yesterday morning.

They had been detained for a week in a small straw hut in the western district by a group of loafers who demanded money.

The victims refused to write to their families for ransom, saying they had no money anyway, whereupon the kidnappers became fed up and released the men.

Another Kidnapping

Meanwhile another kidnapping was added to the long series of such affairs yesterday when a prominent cotton hong manager was whisked away

when leaving his Yu Yuen Road home. No news has yet been received from him.—Our Own Correspondent.

JAP. WAGE INCREASES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

A new increase in salaries for industrial workers has been decided to offset the rise in the price of commodities since the last fixing of the wages scale. The increase mainly bears on foodstuffs and imported commodities the supply of which has almost stopped owing to the European war and the lack of cargo accommodation. First workers to get salary raises are those in the shipbuilding, rolling stock and machine tool manufacturing industries.—Havas.

THE BRILLIANT MISCHIEVOUSNESS OF LLOYD GEORGE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

IN THE COURSE OF A NUMBER OF SUBJECTS DISCUSSED ON THE ADJOURNMENT IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY, MR. BEVERLEY BAXTER (CONS) APPEALED TO MR. LLOYD GEORGE TO BE MORE HELPFUL TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND NOT SO BRILLIANTLY MISCHIEVOUS.

Mr. Baxter blamed Mr. Lloyd George for the part he had played in the complicated situation of the last few years.

Referring to Mr. Lloyd George's press writings, he said he gave the madman Hitler encouragement at every critical moment.

He expressed the opinion Mr. Lloyd George was too big a man to use the foreign press to disparage the Government, and asked Mr. Lloyd George whether, even at his age, he would consider reforming.

Mr. Lloyd George, replying, defended his resort to journalism as an occupation.

Replying to other criticisms made by Mr. Baxter, the former Liberal Premier said it was because we did not carry out our undertakings to the Democratic governments in Germany that Hitler came to power. — Reuter.

NORWAY ON SUPREME WAR COUNCIL

Paris, To-day.

Professor Koht, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, informed the press in Paris yesterday afternoon that the Norwegian High Command would in future be represented on the Allied Supreme War Council.

Prof. Koht stated that of the Norwegian army, which originally consisted of six divisions, one division and part of another were intact in north Norway or were making their way northward.

Many of the remainder had been killed, taken prisoner or interned in Sweden.

Denying rumours that King Haakon had come to Sweden, Prof. Koht said the King was on Norwegian soil where he would remain and fight. — Reuter.

ALLIED PROBLEMS OF INSURANCE

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

PARIS, TO-DAY.

CONSULTATIONS ON INSURANCE PROBLEMS AND LABOUR SUPPLY HAVE TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN FRANCE AND BRITAIN, SAYS A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE LABOUR MINISTRY.

The communique said that M. Charles Pomaret, the Labour Minister, on his recent visit to England, conferred with his British colleague, Mr. Ernest Brown, and Sir Andrew Duncan, and important decisions were reached. A permanent Franco-British insurance committee has been created. — Havas.

A.R.P. IN BELGIUM

Brussels, To-day.

Certain A.R.P. units have been reinforced, but there are no other special measures; the Army is already fully prepared. — Reuter.

NAVAL OFFICER CROSS-EXAMINED IN MANSLAUGHTER CASE

IN THE WITNESS-BOX this morning at the Criminal Sessions, Kenneth Duncan Bruce, 24-year-old engineer officer of one of H.M. ships, gave as his opinion that it was possible for a man to be struck by a car, travelling at 15 miles an hour, and escape unhurt.

He gave this opinion while under cross-examination by the Assistant Crown Solicitor, Mr. J. P. Murphy, and denied that he was completely unfit to drive a car on the night the accident occurred.

Bruce is charged with the manslaughter of a hawker, Lam Shing-chi, who was knocked down and killed on March 4 last.

The Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada, junior, is for the accused.

Under further cross-examination, accused said he remembered shaking hands with the proprietor of the To Yuen Restaurant at West Point.

Mr. Murphy: "Any reason for doing so?" — "He looked worried; I shook hands to show him I was not offended at being refused a drink."

"You still maintain that the ricksha came out from a side street?" — "Yes."

"The ricksha coolie is lying then?" — "Yes."

PUSHED HIMSELF OFF

Regarding the Wanchai incident, accused admitted that he did not look round and did not ask his Chinese companion to look round. The Chinese, he said, looked round himself and as a result of what the man saw, he thought everything was all right.

He was of opinion that it was possible for a man to escape unhurt after being hit by a car. "If the car was travelling at 15 miles per hour and he pushed himself from the car with his hands he could escape unhurt."

"It appeared to me," he said, "that the man did push himself off the car, so I drove on."

The Chief Justice: "What did your companion mean by saying 'Anyhow, it was the man's own fault'; how could it possibly be the man's own fault? How could you just let it pass and ask nothing?" — "I did not consider."

"You are not suggesting that it was the man's own fault?"

Accused made no reply.

"Are you?" — It appeared to me that the man came out from between two pillars."

"I want to know your mentality." — "My mind was not clear at that moment. I was told to drive on, so I drove on."

Mr. Murphy: "You do not admit that what happened was the man's own fault?" — "I did not know then that it was my fault."

PEIPING A.R.P.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Peiping, To-day.

A large-scale A.R.P. campaign, due to last three days, opened here yesterday.

The populace have been ordered to prepare water for use against fire, and anti-fire bombs have been distributed.

Meetings are being held all over the city to warn the people against the danger of air bombing and of the ways to limit it.

A total black-out was enforced last night and a partial black-out will be in force to-night and to-morrow. — Havas.

PREPARE FOR RUTHLESS ENGLAND

Gothenburg, To-day. The "Goteborgs Posten" says: "England's extraordinary power is seldom oppressive and often is stabilising and peace-producing. But when the Empire is at stake, Englishmen can show ruthlessness more than anyone else. Now we must be prepared for a ruthless England. — Reuter."

ROOSEVELT MESSAGE TO IL DUCE --AND DENIAL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.

A mediation offer is contained in a personal letter from President Roosevelt to Mussolini, says the Rome correspondent of the "New York Times."

The American Ambassador in Rome, Mr. William Phillips, delivered the letter.

After reading the document, the correspondent says, Mussolini told Mr. Phillips he appreciated the gesture but regretted the time was not favourable.

He could not conceive of any possible basis for negotiations.

At the end of the conversation Mussolini told Mr. Phillips he would reply personally. — Havas.

Complete Denial

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

The White House categorically denies press reports that the Ambassador in Rome has transmitted to Mussolini President Roosevelt's offer of joint American-Italian mediation in the European conflict. — Havas.

MILITARY MISSION TO SOVIET

BUCHAREST, TO-DAY.

AN IMPORTANT YUGO-SLAV MILITARY MISSION WILL SHORTLY LEAVE BELGRADE FOR MOSCOW, ACCORDING TO MESSAGES FROM BELGRADE PUBLISHED IN THE RUMANIAN PRESS.

It is stated that General Maximovich, one of the most prominent Yugo-Slav military leaders, will head the mission.

Neither the Yugo-Slav nor the Soviet Legation in Bucharest has yet had any intimation of the passage of the mission through Rumania. — Reuter.

INTER-AMERICAN BANK PLAN

Washington, To-day.

Establishment of an Inter-American Bank, with a capital of \$100,000,000, is now virtually assured.

The required minimum six nations have filed notice that they will sign the draft convention to-day.

The nations concerned are the United States, Mexico, Columbia, Ecuador, Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic. — Reuter.

SURGEON'S EVIDENCE

Surgeon-Lt. Commander Banks said he first met accused in October last when he joined the forces. Accused complained of severe headaches towards the end of November, and said he was inclined to be nauseated. Witness prescribed "Dover's pills" and gave accused two.

In January he gave him four to keep for an emergency. He did not tell accused it was imperative to lie down after taking the pills and did not warn him to refrain from doing any work requiring concentration after taking the pills.

He disagreed that the pills were not a recognised treatment for such severe headaches as were suffered by accused. Accused, he said, did not know what the pills were and thought they were aspirin.

The case is continuing this afternoon.

RETREAT FROM KVAM

Graphic Story Of Stout Defence By Three British Battalions: Dour Yorkshiremen

London, To-day.

A GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION of the success of three actions in the Norwegian campaign enabling three British battalions, fighting by day, to withdraw during the short hours of darkness 103 miles over a single track railway down the Gudbrandsdal and Romsdalen to the sea, was given yesterday in London by an officer of General Paget's Staff.

Holding a position at Kvam for 48 hours in the face of incessant air attacks, to which they were unable to reply except by machine-gun, a battalion of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry successfully held up the German advance until ordered to withdraw.

A German column led by tanks and armoured cars made contact with the British troops early on the morning of April 26, firing somewhat indiscriminately into houses on the roadside as they advanced.

Throughout the day Nazi ski troops vainly endeavoured to work round the snow covered hills to pierce the flanks of the British battalion.

When darkness fell the K.O.Y.L.I. withdrew with precision down the railway line to the little village of Otta, where a battalion of the Green Howards—together with one of the Yorks and Lancs Regiment, had prepared a defensive position.

Severe Fighting

Here on April 28 severe fighting took place the troops often being engaged hand to hand.

Such was the effect of the British resistance, the staff officer said, that it was noticed the Nazi troops after that day seemed unwilling to press home attacks and when the action was broken off that night the British troops withdrew unmolested to trains concealed in a tunnel about three miles behind the front line.

A great tribute was paid by the staff officer to the efficiency and devotion to duty of the Norwegian railway and telephone services, which at great risk gave magnificent help to the British troops.

As the troops withdrew the demolition of bridges proceeded according to plan and in no case did planned demolition fail "to be blown."

Next halt was made at Dombaas where, because of the successful destruction of bridges, the troops obtained one day's much needed rest and it was not until April 30 that the enemy again made contact having received machine gun replacements by air.

K.O.Y.L.I. Again

During the afternoon the K.O.Y.L.I. again fought splendidly and at nine in the evening entrained at Dombaas station.

It was anticipated this battalion would go directly to Aandalsnes and there embark but the train was derailed and the troops had to march 17 miles.

It says much for their morale, the staff officer says, that in spite of having fought hard six hours on April 30, suffering a trainwreck and then marching 17 miles, they readily deployed again at 5.30 in the afternoon of May 1 and easily held the enemy until dark when they again entrained and, reaching Aandalsnes, embarked, being the last troops to leave Norway.

The staff officer described the German troops as efficient and very well trained.

The staff officer paid high praise to these British Territorials who held the enemy in spite of both air

GENEROUS TRIBUTE TO M. DAUTRY

London, To-day.

A tribute to the French Production Minister, M. Dautry, was paid in a speech by the British Supply Minister at Cardiff.

Mr. Burgin said: "M. Dautry has achieved in France spectacular results in the enormous growth and expansion of his armaments production programme. He thinks in multiples, he works at terrific pace and he has the great faculty of making friends."

He is idolised by the workpeople and, what is so important for a politician and Production Minister, is left alone by colleagues.

But he too has difficulties with machine tools, with raw materials and with skilled labour. Fortunately, such is the collaboration between the two countries—officers of his Ministry are in my office in London, officers of my Ministry are in his office in Paris—that we frequently can come to one another's aid.—British Wireless.

ATTACKS ON WIDE FRONT IN FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French war communiqué stated that during the previous night's infantry actions, which took place on a large front, the enemy everywhere were repulsed.

During the day there was activity of both artilleries to the west of the Vosges and in the region of Wissembourg.—Reuter.

and artillery attack without means of replying.

Fantastic Claims

The position of rations, the staff officer said, was satisfactory. Only the most advanced troops, who must always rely upon such provisions as they have with them, did not receive regular adequate supplies.

He described German claims relating to the capture of materials as "fantastic," adding he did not think that there were such quantities taken into Norway. The British troops took out all they could carry and destroyed as much of what was left as they were able.—British Wireless.

A SENTENCE AND THE NAZI VERSION

London, To-day.

Mr. Lloyd George's comment in the Commons debate on Wednesday, when Mr. Churchill said he would take complete responsibility for everything done by the Admiralty and would take a full share of the burden, that "Mr. Churchill must not allow himself to be converted into an air raid shelter to keep splinters from hitting his colleagues," was transformed by a German Trans-Ocean broadcast into a surprising statement.

Mr. Lloyd George was made to say: "I hope Mr. Churchill will not take refuge in air raid cellars to protect himself against splinters of shells hitting his Ministerial colleagues or Admirals."—British Wireless.

BRITAIN'S RELATIONS WITH SOVIET

London, To-day.

Questions were asked in the Commons yesterday afternoon concerning trade relations between Britain and Russia and Britain and Italy.

The Foreign Under-Secretary said His Majesty's Government had under consideration a communication received on April 29 from the Soviet Government.

His Majesty's Government had now asked the Soviet Government to furnish them with further information so that they could judge whether the obligations undertaken by the Soviet Government would render it possible for that Government at present to conclude a trade agreement with the United Kingdom on the lines which His Majesty's Government had in mind.

Mr. Butler, in another reply, said the discussions between representatives of the British and Italian Governments were continuing and His Majesty's Government hoped they might lead to useful results.—British Wireless.

NO RIGHT TO CRITICISE IN SWEDEN

Stockholm, To-day.

The "Social-Demokraten," organ of the Social Democratic Labour Party of Sweden, says that Sweden has no right to reproach Britain; she was never asked to protect Norway and never undertook this until the Germans moved.

The Swedes (the paper continues), who have done and are doing nothing for their Norwegian brothers have no moral right to criticise Britain for the failure of her help.

The paper pays tribute to British democracy which allowed such a debate to be held in open session with the whole world listening. There are weaknesses in such a democracy, but

SOVIET'S OFFER OF BALTIC PACTS

New York, To-day.

The Soviet has proposed to Sweden and Finland pacts similar to those negotiated last year with Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, according to "a usually reliable source," says the Stockholm correspondent of the "Christian Science Monitor."

The correspondent adds the proposal is believed to be receiving serious consideration in Stockholm and Helsinki.

It is reported the Soviet proposals include a plan for joint fortification and defence of the Aaland Islands.

It is further reported that if the proposals are accepted, the Soviet is willing to restore the Karelian provinces to Finland.

The correspondent is of opinion that Sweden, faced with a choice between German domination and gravitation towards the Soviet, might choose the latter as a lesser evil.—Reuter.

POLITICAL TRUCE IN DUBLIN

Dublin, To-day.

A political truce was announced in the Dail yesterday by Mr. William Cosgrave, leader of the opposition.

Mr. Cosgrave said his party did not propose to contest the by-election in Galway for the seat rendered vacant by the death of the Government supporter, nor did he propose to move a writ for the Kilkenny vacancy due to the death of the member of his own party.

Mr. Cosgrave said he would not move the Kilkenny writ until the Premier said the danger of civil disturbance was past.

It is understood both by-elections will be postponed for three months.—Reuter.

AIR LOSSES IN NORWAY

London, To-day.

Interesting figures relating to aerial activity in Norway are circulating in authoritative quarters, where it is stated R.A.F. losses comprised 55 aircraft out of over a thousand employed in the operations, which included 64 attacks on enemy bases—54 in Norway, nine in Denmark and one on Sylt.

German losses were considerably higher, the destruction of 163 aircraft being confirmed, while it is probable that some 40 more will never fly again.—British Wireless.

the democracy is restored to health by its own strength.

One thing is certain: Britain will take the war far more earnestly than before.—Reuter.

AANDALSNES AIR BATTLE

Fighter Squadron's Fifteen-Hour Strafe

One Machine In Service At End Of Day

LONDON, TO-DAY.
FURTHER DETAILS OF THE ONE-SIDED AIR COMBAT IN NORWAY BETWEEN A SQUADRON OF GLOSTER GLADIATOR PLANES FROM AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER AND A HUGE NUMBER OF GERMAN PLANES HAVE NOW BEEN REVEALED.

Just before night, the squadron landed on a frozen lake south-east of Aandalsnes. That night, they saw two planes with Norwegian markings, but they must have been flown by Germans for at 3 a.m. German bombers arrived.

CALL FOR REAL NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

London, To-day.
 A meeting of about thirty of the Government supporters who voted against Mr. Chamberlain in the debate on Norway was held in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon.

The meeting unanimously decided that the next Government must be a real National Government.—Reuter.

JAPANESE ARMS FOR RUMANIA

Bucharest, To-day.
 It is understood the Japanese Government has offered to deliver to the Rumanian Government certain armaments, especially anti-tank and anti-aircraft guns.

It appears these weapons proved their worth during the Sino-Japanese war.

It is believed the offer will be accepted but the contract is awaiting clarification by the Japanese Government regarding the method of payment.—Reuter.

STOCKHOLM COMMENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.
 The Commons debate showed Mr. Chamberlain's extremely difficult position but also showed that even in wartime the Democracies have preserved freedom of public expression unknown to the totalitarian states, says the Swedish press.

Most papers forecast a reshuffle of the British Cabinet with the participation of Labour representatives in the Government.

The papers also point out that the Germans are constantly reinforcing their troops in Norway and that energetic action is necessary before it is too late.—Havas.

M. MOLOTOV RECEIVES RUMANIAN MISSION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Moscow, To-day.
 M. Molotov, Foreign Commissar, has received the Rumanian commercial delegation. Their talk lasted for three hours.

An accord is said to have been reached, but the conversations will continue for several days.—Havas.

A Heinkel was shot down, and the base was kept "busy" with air raids from 7.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. All this time, the British pilots were in the open. Except for the runways, there was melting snow everywhere, several feet deep. The pilots had to crawl about on their hands and knees, their clothes wet and freezing.

Despite all this, and the frequent raids, they carried out 40 sorties and 37 of the enemy were engaged.

ONLY ONE LEFT

Of the 18 Gladiators landed, only five were serviceable by night. They had taken toll of the enemy, however, shooting down six for certain and probably eight more on the surrounding mountains.

The next day, they carried out further reconnaissances and attacks on the enemy. By evening, only one plane remained useful.

When southern Norway was evacuated, there was no time to repair the planes. The ship on which the pilots embarked was bombed for six hours without interruption—and without success.—Reuter.

One By One

As the fighter pilots came down from their combats with the enemy they refuelled, replenished their ammunition and tried to start up again.

As, one by one, the aircraft were destroyed on the ground, the pilots, some badly burned, helped one another to get the remaining aircraft into the air, all the time being machinegunned.

When they could no longer fly they fought back from the ground with machineguns.

Towards the end of the day the ammunition was exhausted and the pilots made attacks which were feints without any chance of returning the enemy's fire.

One with no ammunition and practically no petrol was attacked by three of the most modern and heavily armed German fighters; he saved his aircraft from being shot down by repeatedly attempting to collide until the enemy swerved away.

Their cannon fire struck the aircraft again and after he had successfully made a forced landing it was set on fire as he left it.

132 Craters

The landing ground was bombed and machinegunned by between eighty and ninety German bombers and 132 craters were counted.

By the end of the day only five of 18 Gladiators were serviceable. But six enemy aircraft for certain, and probably eight more, were brought down on the surrounding mountains.

At the end of the next day the remaining R.A.F. aircraft, having carried on an unequal combat with considerable success, only one aircraft was serviceable. Owing to the evacuation of southern Norway it was not possible to repair these damaged aircraft.—British Wireless.

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London, To-day.
 A Cabinet meeting was held this morning lasting 35 minutes after which the Ministers left for their various headquarters.—Reuter.

London, To-day.
 The Ministry of Home Security has warned all civil defence organisations and A.R.P. bodies to be on the alert following the Nazi invasion of the Low Countries.—Reuter.

Washington, To-day.
 The United States will probably consult other American Republics to determine whether any steps be taken to guarantee the status of Dutch possessions in the Western Hemisphere.—Reuter.

New York, To-day.
 The Dutch Minister in a broadcast announcement stated that the German parachute landings have been rendered ineffective. "Our air force and army have made contact with the enemy and several German planes have been brought down."—Reuter.

Paris, To-day.
 The Jemulle railway station (Luxemburg) has been destroyed by enemy planes.—Reuter.

Brussels, To-day.
 It is officially announced that British and French troops are moving in response to the Belgian appeal.—Reuter.

Paris, To-day.
 The air raid alarm sounded in the Lyon district at 4.25 a.m. to-day. Bombs were dropped on the Bron aerodrome which is just outside the town. One enemy plane was brought down. The all clear signal was not given until 6.45 a.m.—Reuter.

Brussels, To-day.
 A state of siege has been declared throughout Belgium in the face of the German aggression which commenced at 4.30 a.m. to-day.—Reuter.

London, To-day.
 It is announced the carrying of gas masks is again necessary and the public is urged to acquaint themselves with the positions of shelters and first aid posts. They are also recommended to overhaul their domestic preparations against air attack.—Reuter.

London, To-day.
 It is learned officially that the Belgian and Dutch envoys called on Lord Halifax early this morning and told him their countries had been invaded. Lord Halifax informed them we would render assistance to the fullest extent of our power. The necessary measures for rendering assistance would be at once put into operation.—Reuter.

The Consulate-General for the Netherlands in Hong Kong has received a telegram from Dr. E. N. van Kleffens, Minister for Foreign Affairs at The Hague, despatched on 10th May at 7.15 a.m., stating that "A state of war exists in the Netherlands. The commencement of the war is without precedent. There has been no ultimatum, not even a warning. The frontier has been passed by German troops. The airports have been bombed."